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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE

Government House Sewing Centre of the B. W. O. F. will be closed on 25th December, and 1st January.

The Knitting Centre at the Helona May Institute will be closed on 26th December.

Evacuation Representation Committee

PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting of all those interested in the Evacuation Representation Committee will be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday, December 27, at 6 p.m., to receive a statement from the Committee, in connection with the reply to the petition submitted on November 22.

F. C. CLEMO,
Hon. Secretary.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Kindly note that, as from 30th December, 1940, our new office address will be:—

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Caribbean Bases "Nonsense"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Discussing bases to be leased from Britain in the Caribbean, President Roosevelt said that "an awful lot of nonsense" had been written about the delay in making arrangements. Only in the cases of Trinidad, Bermuda and Mayaguana were decisions being delayed.

CHURCH NOTICES.

CHRIST CHURCH (KOWLOON TONG)

Christmas Play and Midnight Eucharist on Tuesday

Sunday, December 22—IV Sunday in Advent—11 a.m. Holy Communion; 9 a.m. Matins and Sermon. Preacher: the Vicar. 11 a.m. Christmas-tide Festival Service of Holy Communion in Mandarin. Preacher: the Very Reverend the Dean of Hongkong. 6.30 p.m. Evening Service of the Christmas Play, with the music 6 p.m. in the Choir. Hymns at the Eucharist: Introit 22 "O come, all ye faithful"; Gradual 24 "Hark, the herald angels sing"; Offertory 19 "A great and mighty wonder"; Communion 20 "Behold, the great Creator..."; Recessional 21 "Christmas evensong".
Tuesday, December 24—Christmas Eve—10.45 p.m. Carol, the Christmas Play and Midnight Eucharist.
Hymns at the Eucharist: Introit 22 "O come, all ye faithful"; Gradual 24 "Hark, the herald angels sing"; Offertory 19 "A great and mighty wonder"; Communion 20 "Behold, the great Creator..."; Recessional 21 "Christmas evensong".
Wednesday, Christmas Day—7 a.m. and 9 a.m. Holy Communion in English; 10 a.m. Children's Service.
Thursday—St. Stephen, Martyr. Holy Communion 11 a.m. (There will be no service of the Bible and Song at this time, and no choir practice).
Friday—St. John, Evangelist. Holy Communion 11 a.m. (There will be no celebration of the Holy Communion on Saturday).
Note: All are welcome to attend the carols and Christmas Play on Christmas Eve, but it is hoped that all who come for the carols and play will remain for Eucharist, which will follow the play without any break.
The Vicar will be in the Church at 8.30 p.m. on Christmas Eve to hear confessions, or at any other time by arrangement.

METHODIST CHURCH (QUEEN'S ROAD EAST)

United Service On Christmas Day

Services on Sunday, December 22. Preachers—Morning, Rev. J. E. Sandbach; Evening, Rev. E. Morison.
Morning Service at 10.15 a.m.—Hymn No. 118, Prayer, Hymn No. 142, First Lesson, Hymn No. 83, Second Lesson, Prayer, Notice, Offertory, Hymn No. 125, Sermon, Hymn No. 129, Benediction.
Evening Service at 7 p.m. This will take the form of a special full Carol service.
Notices for the Week
Following the Evening Service a Social Hour will be held at the S. & S. Home at 8.15 p.m. All Servicemen and civilians will be warmly welcomed.
Monday at 8.30 p.m. General Committee at the S. & S. Home.
Monday and Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. Services of the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The presence of our civilian friends will be welcomed particularly at the 7.30 p.m. service.
Christmas Day, United Service at 10.30 a.m. (instead of 10.15 a.m.) in which our friends from the Union Churches will share.

UNION CHURCH (KENNEDY ROAD)

Sunday, December 22—Morning Worship 10.30 a.m. Preacher: Rev. E. Morison. Evening Worship 6 p.m. Preacher: Rev. J. E. Sandbach.
Christmas Day—United Service at 10.30 a.m. in the English Methodist Church, Queen's Road East, (opposite the Royal Naval Hospital).

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST (31 MACDONNELL ROAD)

Service on Sunday, December 22.
The subject of the Lesson Sermon in the Christian Science Churches will be "Is the Universe, including man, evolved by atoms? Hence the eternal wonder—that the Golden Text will be: "Thus saith the Lord that created the heavens: God himself that forms the clouds and makes the lightning, I am the Lord, and there is none else." (Isaiah 43: 10).
Amongst others the following citations will be read from the Bible: "And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good." (Genesis 1: 31).
The following citations will also be read from the Christian Science Textbook, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy: "The Scriptures declare all that He made to be good, like Himself—good in Principle and in Idea. Therefore, the spiritual universe is good, and reflects God as to His divine Principle and Idea, and the light of ever-present Love illumines the universe. Hence the eternal wonder—that infinite space is peopled with God's ideas, reflecting Him in endless spiritual forms. The notion of a material universe is utterly opposed to the theory of man as evolved from Mind. Such fundamental errors send faith into all human doctrines and conclusions, and do not accept infinity to Divinity (Science and Health, Pages 205, 203, 245)."

Announcement

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hongkong Branch of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., No. 31, Macdonnell Road, Canton, Ins. 115 a.m. Testimony Meeting, Wednesday, 6 p.m. A Reading Room is located in the Church building and is open on Monday, Thursday and Saturday mornings from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. All authorized Christian Science literature is available in the Reading Room. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the Reading Room.

CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL (16 CAINE ROAD)

Services for the Christmas Season: Midnight Mass

December 22, 4th Sunday in Advent. Morning services—1st Mass at 8 with sermon in Chinese; 2nd Mass at 9 with sermon in English; 3rd Mass at 10 with sermon in English.
Evening services—At 5.30 Catechetical Instruction; at 4 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Holy Rosary, Novena for Christmas and Benediction.
December 23—The Novena for Christmas at 5.30 p.m.
December 24—Christmas Day. (Holy Day of Obligation). The Nativity of our Lord.
Morning services—1st Mass at 8 with sermon in Chinese; 2nd Mass at 9 with sermon in English; 3rd Mass at 10 with sermon in English.
Evening services—At 5.30 Catechetical Instruction; at 4 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Holy Rosary, Novena for Christmas and Benediction.
December 25—Vigil of Christmas. Fast Day. The Novena for Christmas at 5.30 p.m. Solemn Pontifical Mass at Midnight.
December 26—Christmas Day. (Holy Day of Obligation). The Nativity of our Lord.
Morning services—1st Mass at 8 with sermon in Chinese; 2nd Mass at 9 with sermon in English; 3rd Mass at 10 with sermon in English.
Evening services—At 5.30 Catechetical Instruction; at 4 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Holy Rosary, Novena for Christmas and Benediction.
December 27—St. Stephen. From-to-day the solemnisation of Marriages is permitted. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5.30 p.m.
On week days: Mass at 8 and 7.30 Concessions morning and evening.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Greis Keller (Vocal) and Primo Scala's Accordion Band.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Selections from Light Opera.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Max Miller in the Helborn Empire Theatre.

Recorded during an actual performance.

2.05 Reginald Dixon at the Organ.

2.15 Close Down.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

Compositions of Beethoven.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 Selections from Gilbert and Sullivan.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.02 London Relay—"Garrison Theatre".

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 Local Sport Results.

10.00 Half an hour of Old Time Variety.

10.30 London Relay—"Balloon Barrage".

A Topical Feature.

11.00 London Relay—Talk: "In My Opinion".

11.15 Dance Music.

12.00 midnight. Close Down.

To-morrow's Programme

Broadcast by Z. B. W. on a Frequency of 845 k.c. and on Short Wave from 12.15-2.30 p.m. and 8-10.35 p.m. on 9.52 m.c. per second.

H. K. T.

10.30-11.30 a.m. Relay of Morning Service from the Union Church.

12.15 p.m. Tchaikovsky—1812 Overture.

The Philharmonic Orchestra with the Ural Cossacks' Choir conducted by Alexander Kitchin.

12.30 Songs by Amelia Galli-Curci (Soprano).

12.42 Grieg—Holberg Suite, Op. 49.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Piano Duets by Rawicz and Landauer.

1.15 Light Orchestral Selections.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.44 Puccini's "La Boheme" Acts II and III.

2.30 Close Down.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

7.30 Studio—Talk by Edwin Howard.

7.45 Richard Tauber (Tenor) and De Greed and His Orchestra.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Arcady—Trio in D Minor, Op. 32.

Elleen Joyce (Piano), Henri Tarnik (Violin) and Antoni Sala (Cello).

8.20 Compositions of Tchaikovsky.

8.45 Studio—Book Reviews.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 Chopin—Concerto No. 2 in F Minor, Op. 21.

1st Mov: Allegro; 2nd Mov: Largo; 3rd Mov: Allegro vivace.

Alfred Cortot (Piano) and Orchestra cond. by John Barbirolli.

10.03 Hildegard Erdmann (Soprano) singing "Ye That Now Are Sorrowful from Brahms' Requiem".

10.15 Studio—Sunday Evening Epilogue.

Conducted by a Minister of the Methodist Church.

10.35 Close Down.

LETTERS

A Correction

To the Editor,
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir—We deeply regret we misinformed you yesterday when we stated that Mr. Y. C. Zeng would be assisting in our concert on Sunday. This is not so, and we wish to apologise to Mr. Y. C. Zeng and your readers for the mistake.
We will be grateful if you kindly publish this correction.

O. V. CHUNG,
Hon. Secretary,
H.K. University Christian Association.

Notice To Parcel Senders

Senders of parcels or small packets by post to places outside the Colony are now required to make a customs declaration stating the full address, the nature, value and net weight of the contents, according to an amendment to the Post Office Ordinance of 1929 published in the Government Gazette yesterday.

Mr Wong Sik-luen of the Corps of Air Raid Wardens, has been appointed an Honorary Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency the Governor, with effect from December 20.

Mr John K. Bousfield, M.C., has resumed duty as Organiser of the General Group for Essential Services in the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

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Japanese Insult Unintentional

"Philippines Incident"

MANILA, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—The display of the Japanese flag over the United States flag, and the swastika over the Union Jack on a Japanese float participating in a parade making the fifth Anniversary of the Commonwealth at Lano on November 15 was an unintentional and inadvertent misdeed on the part of the Japanese residents due to their ignorance of the Philippine flag laws and international proceedings, declared the Japanese Consul-General, Mr Mori, in a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Interior on December 7, which has just been made public.

Describing the Japanese participation in the celebration as a sincere and honest desire to join in the happiness of their Filipino brothers and sisters, Mr Mori profoundly regretted that such an expression of feeling should be misinterpreted as an insult to the United States.

He added that he hoped the existing friendship and understanding between the Philippines and Japan would in no way be marred by the incident, and would be further enhanced despite "malicious" anti-Japanese propaganda spread by certain elements in this country.

The incident was ordered to be investigated by the United States authorities. Mr Mori's letter was made public by the office of Mr Manuel Quezon, President of the Philippines Commonwealth without comment.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

"Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday says.

The week was notable for increased activity caused through a general improvement in sentiment. Transactions were more widespread and covered stocks which have been dormant for some time. Equities throughout were persistent resulting in a general hardening of prices, and offerings being readily absorbed. A firm tone prevailed at the close indicative of a resumption of the upward trend in the coming weeks, particularly owing to the approaching declaration of dividends and expectations of higher returns in some cases.

Business Done During the Week

H.K. Banks \$1,365, \$1,370

Union Ins. \$397½, \$400, \$397½

Docks "O" \$18, \$18½, \$18¼, \$18½

Docks "N" \$17¼

Providents \$5½, \$5.55, \$5.60, \$5.65

Hotels \$3.65, \$3½

Lands \$33¼

Humphreys \$7.80

Trumway \$17.05, \$17.70

Lights "O" \$7.30, \$7.35, \$7.40, \$7½

Lights "N" \$7.05, \$7.15

Electricity "O" \$40¼

Telephones "O" \$25.70, \$25.94

Telephones "N" \$10.30, \$10¼

Cements \$18.10, \$18, \$18.20, \$18.30, \$18½

Dairy Farms \$19¼

Watsons \$10½, \$10.60

Buyers

H.K. Banks \$1,370

Bank of East Asia \$74

Canton Ins. \$195

Union Ins. \$397.50

H.K. Fire Ins. \$157.50

Wharves \$92

Docks "O" \$18.50

Docks "N" \$17.75

Providents \$5.05

Lands \$33.60

Realities \$3.75

Trams \$17.70

Star Ferries \$61

Lights "N" C.D. \$7.15

Electricity "O" \$40

Electricity "N" \$39.50

Telephones "O" \$25.50

Cements \$18.45

Ropes \$7.05

Dairy Farm \$19

Watsons \$10.60

Entertainments \$7

Constructions "O" \$1.60

Sellers

H.K. Banks \$1,385

Providents \$5.70

Electricity "O" \$40.50

Telephones "O" \$26

Cements \$18.75

Dairy Farm \$10.30

Watsons \$10.75

Vibro Piling \$7.70

Sales

H.K. Banks \$1,370

Canton Ins. \$200

Docks "N" \$18

Providents \$5.70/65

Electricity "O" \$40.10

Telephones "O" \$26

Telephones "N" \$10.20

Cements \$18.30/50

Watsons \$10.60/70

STOCK EXCHANGE MEDITERANEAN ACTION

BRIGHTENS TONE

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, after an early quietness, news of the latest naval action in the Mediterranean imparted a better disposition, and several sections showed more life in the final stages.

Gilt-edged holdings hardened, and local support and industrial shares improved. Oil shares, however, were irregular. Many

shares were profit-taking elsewhere, were quiet, steady.

Price movements were small.

Wall Street was quiet.

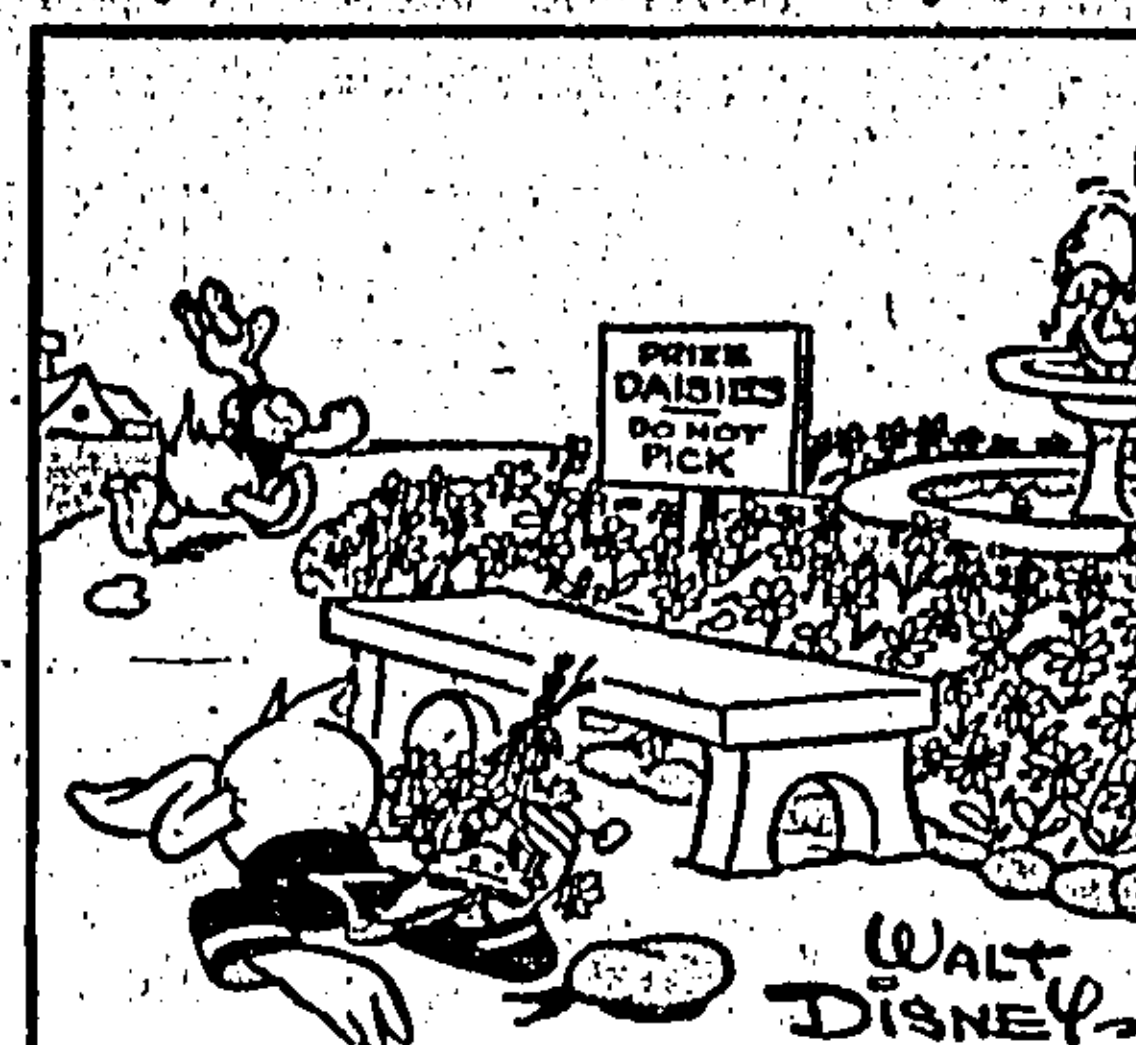
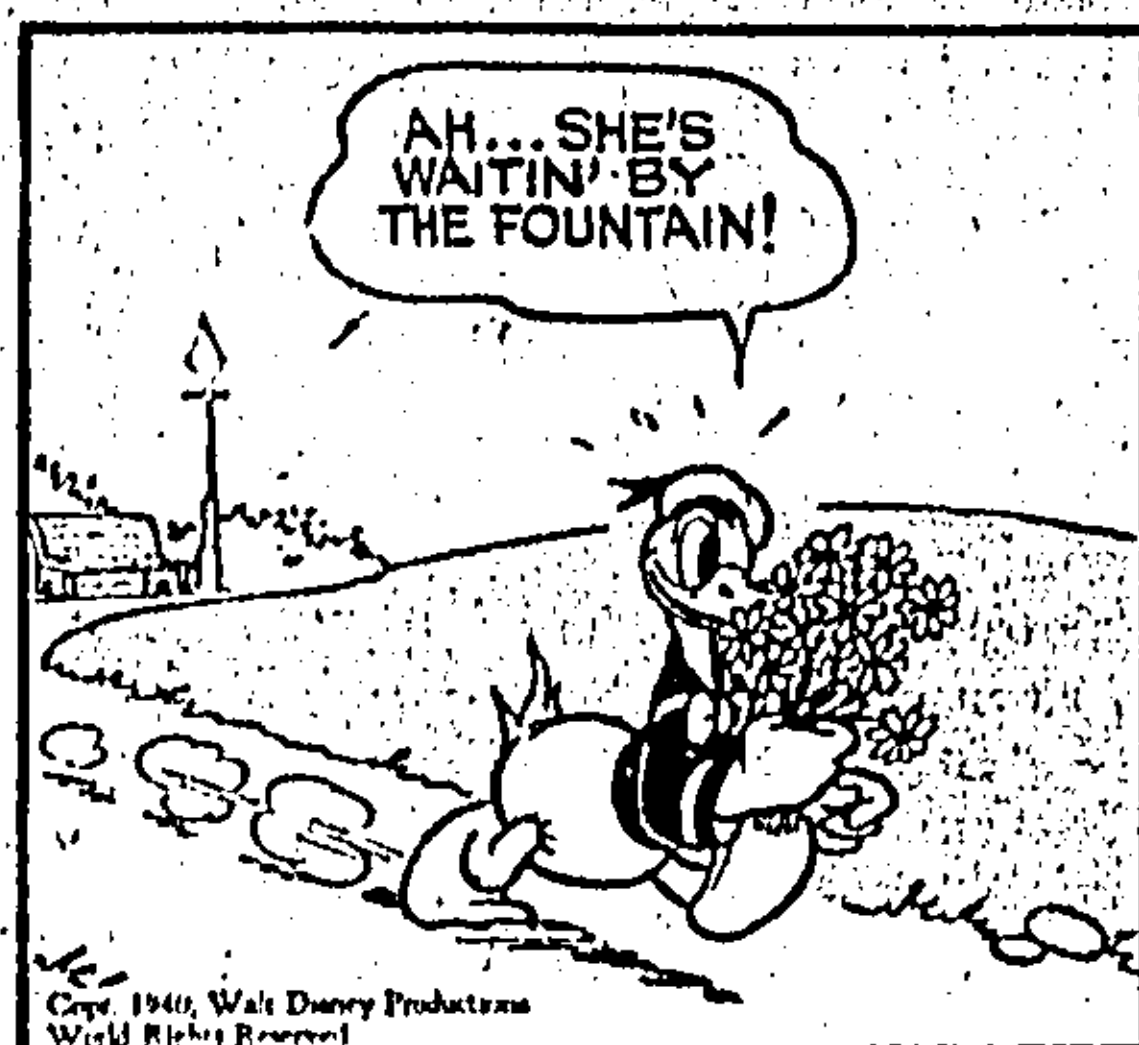
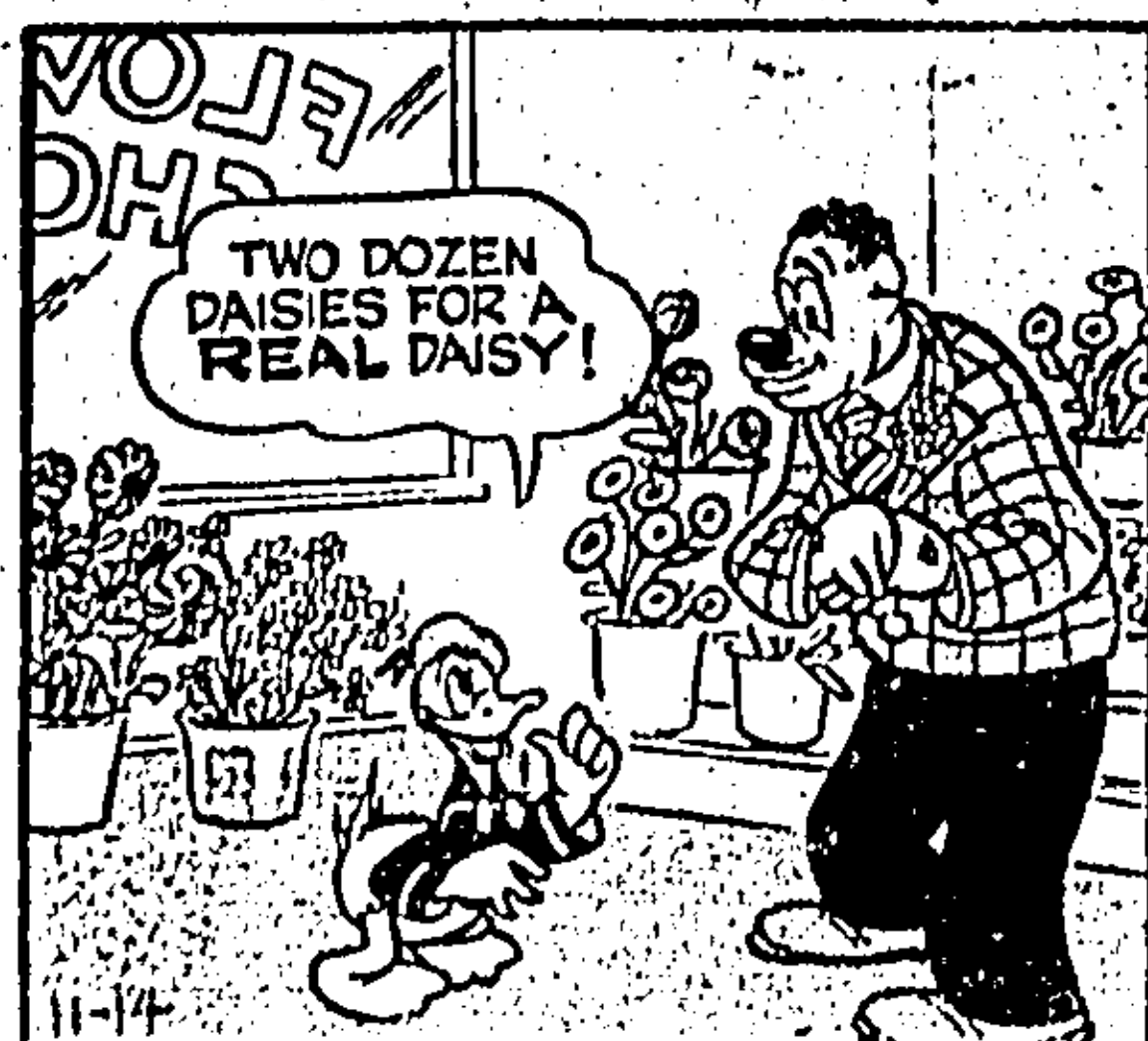
POST OFFICE

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

On Wednesday, December 25, and Thursday, December 26, the General Post Office and Branch Post Offices will be open as follows:

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CURRENT COMMENT . . . By Scrutineer

The information about the serious losses we suffered to our shipping this week, and the continued threat to our trade routes by surface raiders, submarines, and aeroplanes, is more than balanced by the cheerful news from North Africa and from Greece. When these campaigns are brought to a successful end, our Fleet will be free to pursue other tasks, the chief of which will be the more efficient protection of our merchant ships.

In the meantime, President Roosevelt has reiterated his determination to give Britain every aid short of war. It is this knowledge which provides Britain with the sure hope of victory, and confronts Hitler and Mussolini with a problem they cannot solve, since a long war was never part of their strategy. The Duce joined in the war because he thought it was practically over. American aid is invaluable; without it Britain would certainly find it very difficult to carry on.

The nature of the latest proposal raises the question of supplies above commercial considerations. It recognises the justice of the cause for which we are fighting, and transmits the material value of it into something very much higher. The planes, guns, tanks and ships come, then, to Britain, not merely as efficient and necessary weapons of victory, but they are also consecrated before they leave America to the cause of freedom which they will maintain for the liberal-thinking nations of the world. It is no exaggeration, then, to say that the spirit of America travels across the ocean with them, and this, conjoined with that of the British fighting services, will prove an irresistible power with which to destroy Hitlerism and all its associations.

MR GREW AND MATSUOKA

The American Ambassador, Mr Joseph Grew, at the luncheon given to Admiral Nomura in Tokyo on Thursday, did not seem to be in that mellow conciliatory mood one usually associates with such occasions. The speeches delivered by the Foreign Minister, Mr Matsuoka, and by himself, savoured of that open diplomacy so hotly demanded after the last war.

Matsuoka reaffirmed that his country's policy was based on the

tripartite pact, and that being so, America's future behaviour would have to be carefully watched by Japan. It was difficult to gather whether he was warning or begging the United States to do nothing about the world war. Apparently America was for it if she did intervene, and naturally Mr Grew, like Queen Victoria, was not impressed. He merely reminded Mr Matsuoka that though the American people loved peace above all things, they were also realists determined to uphold the rights.

The day of the lunch, he said, was the first anniversary of an undertaking given by Japan to open the Yangtze River to trade, but though the promise was that this would be soon, a year had passed and nothing had been done. Facts and actions were more important in the eyes of America for the purpose of preserving peace than all the pious statements that could be made about the blessings of it. In other words, the opening of the Yangtze would be a measure of Japanese sincerity in their desire for peaceful relations.

COLLAPSE OF ITALY

It is growing more and more apparent that the collapse of the Italian position in Africa and in Greece is merely a question of time. The folly of Mussolini's policy is due to an under-estimation of the strength of the forces arrayed against him, and to an over-estimation of his own.

For Italy, the position is certainly very serious, since she started this war at the height of her naval and military power, whereas Britain, apart from her fleet, had not gathered all her strength. If Mussolini could not secure an early victory in these circumstances, it is unreasonable to suppose that he will do so in the future. The Fascists, led by the Duce in June this year, when France was on the verge of surrender, jubilantly entered the war and were ringing their bells at the prospect of an easy victory; to-day they are wringing their hands because of the imminence of defeat. Yet it is certain that their heart in this war, which has been artificially stirred up by the Black Shirts. The British people have no hatred for the Italians; on the contrary they respect them as creators in the realm of art and music and as guardians of the great tradition of Roman and Renaissance culture.

It is the Fascist part under Mussolini that has led them into this terrible predicament. The loss of the Dodecanese, of Somaliland,

Eritrea, Abyssinia, and even of Libya, is a heavy price to pay for this mad policy, but it seems inevitable. A heavier price may be the occupation of Italy by German troops and the disappearance of the last remnants of freedom, which the Italians have always cherished far more than the Germans.

MUSSOLINI'S POSITION

No dictator ever achieved so much in the field of foreign policy as Mussolini, considering how little he had behind him. Britain's policy of appeasement and conciliation was misinterpreted by the Duce and Geyda, his publicist, as evidence of decadence and weakness, and so the Duce marched from one diplomatic victory to another.

As a dictator he has paid the price of attempting to guide the destinies of a nation, unsupported by the wise counsels of those who were in the best position to give them. Even to a greater extent than in Germany, Mussolini is the state, and the burden is too heavy. Ciano, his Foreign Minister, occupies the position because he is the son-in-law and not because of proved merit. Others are never heard of; only the Duce holds the power. Mussolini might have been considered a great warrior had he never gone to war.

WHAT WILL HITLER DO?

The question everyone is now asking is what will Hitler do. The Balkans are closed to him. His dream of reaching the Mosul oilfields must be abandoned. One foot of the Axis is already in the grave, and the Mediterranean is certainly closed to him and the Duce and only open to Britain.

If anything was required to prove it, it is the fact that the British Fleet bombards Italy's African territories just when and where it wishes without any serious interference from the Italian Fleet.

The one thing the British Fleet desires most is contact with the Italian fleet, but the one thing the Italian Fleet wants least is an engagement with the British Fleet, and so it has to be destroyed piecemeal in its harbours—surely a most ignominious and inglorious way of losing naval power.

Hitler then can only depend on two things—his air force and his submarines, the menace from which is certainly very serious, but they cannot, as his own advisers admit, be decisive in this war.

DOWNFALL OF LAVAL

The downfall of Laval seems to suggest that poetic justice still plays its part in world affairs. By ambition he fell the angels, and where they failed Laval could hardly hope to succeed. He, too, wished to be master of France, and apparently was not prepared to wait till the mantle

"TELEGRAPH" SATURDAY FEATURE

BEHIND THE HEADLINES

By John Blunt

When this war is over, and we begin to take stock of the individual and national efforts throughout the Empire, how will Hongkong stand?

So far, the Colony has raised well over two million dollars between the Bomber and British War Organisation Funds, and useful contributions have been made by Government to the common cause.

Listening to the announcements from the B.B.C., Hongkong appears to be doing commendably well, and it is reasonable to assume that the people in the United Kingdom, many of whom have rarely heard of Hongkong, have been encouraged in the belief that this Sino-British outpost is one with the Empire in its determination to make every possible sacrifice to assist in preserving the independence of the British Empire; and, of course, by so doing, safeguarding its own existence and freedom.

Such, I submit, being a reasonable assumption, I again ask, how will Hongkong stand when we scrutinise the part it played?

Shall we discover that the millions contributed to the War Funds came mainly from the pockets of European British—or shall we be proud of the part played by the great majority of the population?

I do not need to be reminded that the majority of the inhabitants are in very lowly circumstances, but I would remind the leaders of the Chinese community that their responsibility is not light.

I have been more than surprised that no organised effort has been made to persuade our wealthy Chinese merchants and residents to back Great Britain in a really practical manner. It is true that a few grateful Chinese individuals and firms have contributed to our War Funds; but on the whole, the response of the majority has simply been non-existent.

fell from the old marshal's shoulders in the natural course of events.

His record is black with intrigue and corruption, and now he is linked with Mussolini, his fellow conspirator, in ignominy and disgrace. Though he has been released from imprisonment, it is obviously on the demand of his powerful German masters, and not by the wish of his colleagues whom he sought to betray.

The question that one asks is, how does it come about that a man of such debased character reaches the highest position in a nation's councils? He cannot only represent himself; he must have some backing. He seems to have been caught red-handed in some intrigue, and that merely proves that the new order he sought to establish was based on the kind of corruption we saw in the old. There is little doubt that Marshal Pétain has been greatly strengthened by the defeat of Italy, and it is safe to say that France will grow less and less tractable in the hands of Hitler as the days go by. General de Gaulle's movement, too, will gather strength, and may be able yet to force General Weygand to swing over to his side.

The Colony's Centenary is near at hand, but very rightly, the celebrations planned have been cancelled. If, however, happier times had existed, the Chinese community, under the inspiration of their leaders, would have been willing to spend fabulous sums in organising wonderful pageants, regardless of cost. In return, there would have been carnival and pageantry unsurpassed, and the Colony would have added another memorable milestone to its picturesque history.

To-day, when men are fighting and dying for the Empire (which includes Hongkong) joyful celebrations and gaiety would not be seemly. The situation is too grim for light-heartedness. It is because of this that one has the right to expect every Chinese British subject to play his part to the best—to the utmost—of his ability.

I am perfectly sure that Chinese who can claim Hongkong as their country, do appreciate the benefit which they derive under the British flag. There is no lack of loyalty to their own country. It is merely the fact that Hongkong has prospered them in their various vocations.

It may well be that most of them realise that they are quite safe here, because Britain cannot be beaten. True as we know that to be, it must be remembered that the cost to Britain of maintaining her unbeaten record, is at the moment so tremendous, so incalculable, that she welcomes, yes, and needs, every ounce of support she can secure.

The future of Hongkong would not be worth a nickel unless Britain triumphed. All the Chinese investments, homes and interests would disappear overnight, if Germany conquered. Is it not, therefore, a cause for regret that the majority of Chinese residents have overlooked the fact that they really do owe something to Britain for their safety and independence in this Colony—their home? Personally, I am of the opinion that every Hongkong Chinese would be happy to contribute his dollar, his five dollars, or his thousands of dollars, in order to preserve his adopted home, if only the position were placed before him reasonably and clearly.

While, fundamentally, it should be merely a question of gratitude, the present situation calls for more than that. It calls for united action, on the part of every section of British communities throughout the Empire, no matter where they may reside. This war is being fought by the Empire for the Empire, and Hongkong must be included.

There are many thousands of British Chinese subjects in the Colony, who enjoy a very satisfactory measure of prosperity. Those engaged in manufacturing a thousand and one articles, receive special consideration throughout the Empire's markets, because they are privileged to avail themselves of the preference accorded to British products. This benefit is offered because they and their trades are recognised as a part of the British Empire.

And yet, I doubt whether five per cent of the Hongkong British War Funds has been subscribed by our Chinese friends.

I am not condemning anyone, but I do feel that the leaders of the Chinese community could do so much if it only occurred to them. Great Britain is forced to spend many millions of pounds every day at this moment, and vast as her resources are, it is manifestly unfair to allow her to shoulder the whole burden while her subjects in a few isolated parts of the Empire fail to pull their weight. I am fully aware that war taxation has been imposed, but the freely given gift is so encouraging and inspiring.

If Hongkong is worth living in; if it offers sanctuary and opportunity; if it bestows the great privilege of British nationality, and all that significant term stands for, then it is worth recognising in a tangible sense. I say again with the conviction that I am right—that it is up to the leaders of our Chinese community to advise and guide their fellows in this question of supporting Great Britain untiringly and fully.



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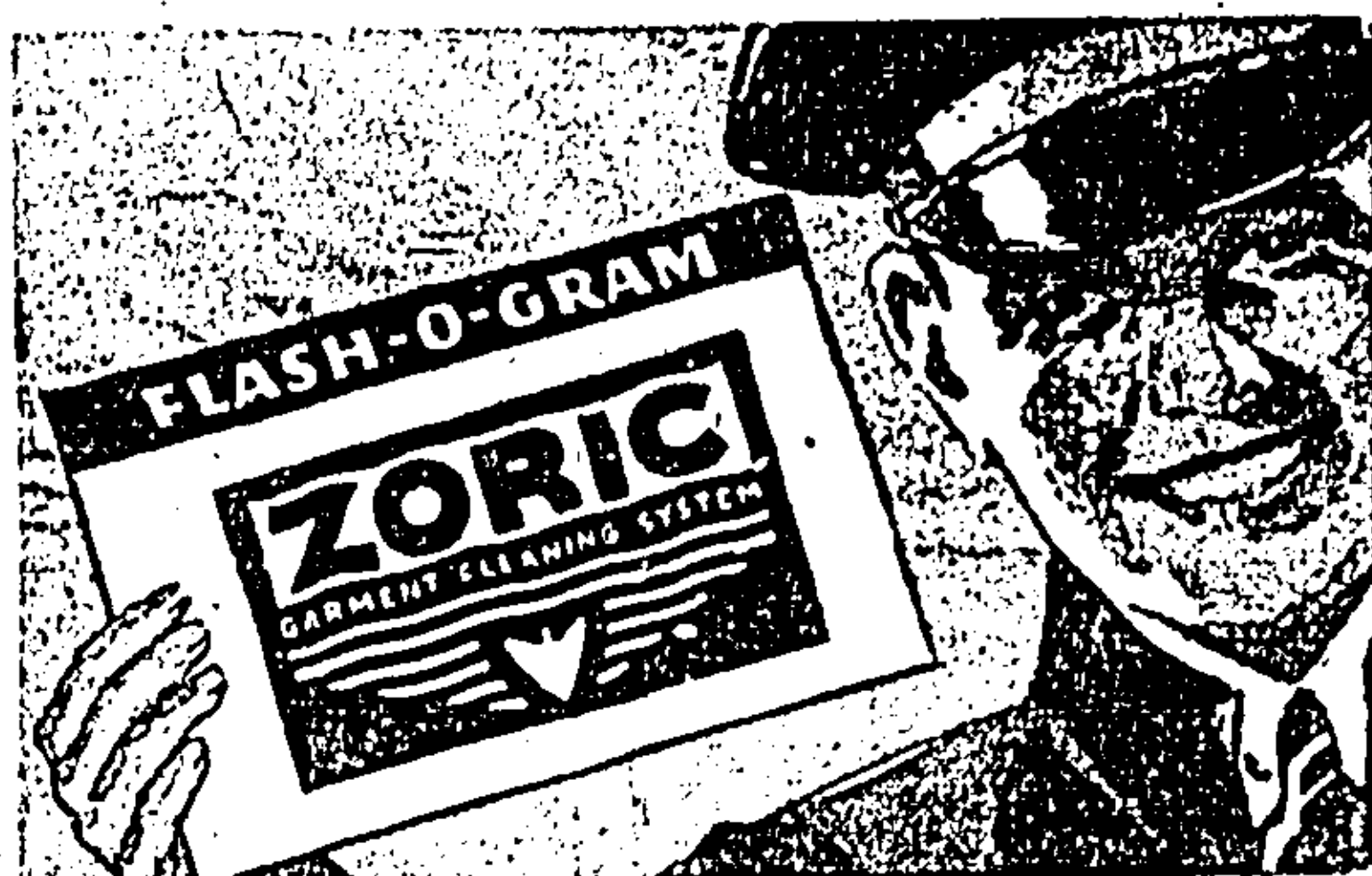
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MARTINIQUE PUSHES ISLAND'S DEFENCES

By PETER C. RHODES
United Press Staff Correspondent

FORT DE FRANCE, Martinique, Dec. 19 (UP).—French colonial officials say they are prepared to defend the island of Martinique with all the resources at their command. Preparations have been made, it is asserted, to oppose by force, if necessary, any attempt by British or by the "Free France" forces of General Charles De Gaulle to land on this West Indies island, which is in a zone now closely patrolled by United States warships.

Many rumours that have circulated regarding the arrival of Germans here were strongly denied by colonial officials, who said that no German ships have entered the harbour. I have seen no Germans at Fort De France. Officials charged that the rumours were spread to cause ill feeling between France and the United States.

Immediately after the French-German armistice, the British established an important naval patrol off Fort De France. It was reported that three light cruisers were in the patrol.

The French authorities then ordered a British cruiser which had been stationed in the harbour to leave immediately, and warned the British naval authorities that any attempt at British intervention in Martinique would be resisted with force.

Within a fortnight the British patrol withdrew. Subsequent events, such as the British attack on French naval units at Oran and the battle of Dakar have reinforced the French decision to oppose with force any attempt by British or De Gaulle forces to enter the harbour or land anywhere on the island.

Preliminary Conference
As the United States Fleet increased its patrol activities in the Caribbean, especially after the over-age destroyer trade for bases in the area, occasional American patrols passed Martinique. There was no question, however, of an American blockade being established.

Late in August, Rear Admiral John W. Greenleaf of the U.S. Navy arrived here for a preliminary conference on outstanding matters with the French High Commissioner for the Antilles, Admiral Robert. It was reported that parallel discussions took place in Vichy and in Washington between United States and French officials on questions relating to French possessions in the Caribbean.

U.S. Patrol
Conflicting reports regarding the talks between Pétain and Hitler, as well as rumours from other points in the Caribbean, resulted in an American patrol, consisting of a single destroyer, being set up off Fort De France. This patrol began on November 1.

The following day Admiral Greenleaf, accompanied by Lieut-Col Harris of the U.S. Marine Corps, flew to Martinique and, for two days, consulted with the French authorities here, during which outstanding matters were discussed and a provisional agreement was reported to have been reached. No details of the reported agreement have been divulged.

The American officers were permitted to inspect everything they desired on the island. In addition, an American naval attaché has arrived and sends frequent reports to Washington, as does the United States Consul.

"Alarmist" Reports

French officials here express great annoyance at what they term "alarmist reports" about efforts in Martinique which have appeared in the American press. They say that Washington is completely informed of all events taking place here and strongly deprecate "alarmist" reports.

Despite reports that a serious food shortage exists here, I was surprised on arrival to find no serious shortage prevailing. This despite the fact that trade between Martinique and France has only begun to be resumed after six months' interruption.

Food Appears Plentiful

Stocks of clothing and shoes have been depleted, and their lack is beginning to be felt seriously. Flour was not plentiful until the arrival of a steamer from Casablanca a week ago. Native production of fruits and vegetables remains high, however. The hotels here serve complete four-course dinners; coffee, cigarettes and liquors are plentiful. The vast sugar plantations are busy, and peak activity is expected in the production of sugar and the distillation of rum within a couple of months.

There is no rationing, although medicines, clothes and shoes are scarce.

Below-Zero Flights Over Germany: Fires At Krupps

TEMPERATURES well below zero were braved by R.A.F. bombers over Germany on a recent night.

Heavy rain and snowstorms up to 12,000ft. added to the navigators' difficulties. Several raiders spent half an hour or more over target areas in search of their objectives.

Krupps arms works at Essen, Grevenbroich aluminium works and Cologne oil storage plant were three of the chief targets.

Docks at Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Flushing, Havre and Calais were also bombed, says the Air Ministry news service. Rail communications and airports in Germany and Holland "received their customary attention."

Helped by a strong following wind heavy bombers were over Essen shortly after 8.30 p.m. After 10 minutes of intensive bombardment two large fires broke out in the Krupps factory area.

"Pretty Good Evening"

At Grevenbroich, north of Cologne, pilots saw four or five fires flash "so bright," they said, "that although we were flying at 14,000 feet, reflection from the clouds above lit up the inside of the aircraft."

The pilots' account continued. "The explosions started a fire, and after we had played around for a bit and seen that the blaze was going nicely we pushed off home and could still see the glow of our fires when we were practically over the Dutch coast."

"Altogether, it was a pretty good evening."

At Cologne, although several big fires were seen close observation of the damage done was impossible owing to low cloud. German rail centres at Cologne, Coblenz, Wesel, and Grevenberg were also attacked, and Flushing docks were twice attacked.

Bombs near one of the main Amsterdam basins are believed to have cut the dock railway line. Calais had dive-bombing attacks for nearly half an hour, with numerous direct hits scored on main shipping basins and dock sidings.

DIRECT HIT FEAR IN WILL

Mr George Somersfield of Morville-road, Chorlton-cum-Medley, Manchester, took steps to prevent a legal tangle if he died at the same time as his wife through a direct hit by a bomb on their home. In his will, he left £2,247 to his wife or, "in the event of the death of my wife simultaneously as may happen in these days of war," to his daughter Lola. Probate of the will has been granted to Mrs. Somersfield.

NOVEL CHRISTMAS PLANS

Entertainment
For Holidays

Community singing, Paul Jones dances, spot waltzes, Scottish reels, and the Pipers and Dancers of the Royal Scots: with the assistance of these novel attractions, guests at the Gloucester Hotel will see in the New Year.

Evacuation and the difficulty of obtaining professional visiting artists created a new problem for hotel managers this year when arranging their entertainment programmes for Christmas and the New Year.

Manager Paul Chessex of the Gloucester Hotel has solved the conundrum. For the benefit of unaccompanied gentlemen on New Year's Eve there will be Paul Jones and other community dances, and during the evening Mr Ernest Perry, well-known local vocalist will lead community singing. A printed programme has been issued, the songs including both old and new favourites. "Old Folks at Home," "Oh Johnny, Oh Johnny," "Three's a Crowd in the Town," "When Irish Eyes are Smiling," "Ma, He's Making Eyes at Me," "My Bonny," "Tipperary," and "Pack up your Troubles" figure in the programme.

A special attraction will be the appearance of the Pipers and Dancers of the Royal Scots Regiment, who have indicated they will be happy to play Scottish Reels upon request. Additionally a spot waltz, carrying with it prizes, will be arranged. All in all, the Gloucester Hotel promises to be a happy and convivial rendezvous for December 31.

For the Christmas festivities the hotel has arranged gala dances on Christmas Eve and Boxing Night, when the ballroom will be festooned and guests will receive carnival novelties.

The Gripes

Bookings to date indicate that the Gripes, Hongkong Hotel, will be as popular as ever on Christmas Eve, when the festivities extend to three "clock on Christmas morning. Nick Korin and his melody-makers will supply the music, and there will be novelty attractions to fill the place usually occupied on such occasions by floor shows.

The Peninsula and the Repulse Bay Hotels are having dinner dances on New Year's Eve, the same as the Hongkong Hotel. There will also be merry-making at the Peninsula on Christmas Night, and a special luncheon at the Repulse on Christmas Day.

Other Places

Special programmes are also being arranged for the Yuletide at other places of entertainment, including the Metropole, St Francis and Cecil Hotels and at the Ritz, the Colony's new pleasure resort at North Point. All these affairs, and the holiday plans of various clubs, will help to give Hongkong people excellent opportunity to enjoy themselves at this season.

NEW CHIEF OF AIR EQUIPMENT

Appointment of Air-Commodore Fohrmann W. Havers as Director-General of Equipment, Air Ministry, and the grant to him of the acting rank of Air Vice-Marshal, were announced recently. Havers, who entered the R.F.C. in October 1915, has been an authority on equipment.

HOOPS, MY DEAR!



ANN RUTHERFORD, one of the rising young players of Hollywood, whom you saw giving a delightfully refreshing delineation of the part of Lydia in "Pride and Prejudice," plays at the beach with a real hoop and stick. She dons a rather masculine play suit.

Britain Uses Bigger Fire Leaf, Nazis Say

A new, big incendiary leaf was used by the R.A.F. in raids over Germany recently, according to a German broadcast. The Nazi wireless said that incendiary leaves six times larger than

COUNTRY'S DEBTS

Britain's aggregate liabilities at the end of March totalled £9,083,240,234, compared with £700,154,110 in 1914, notes a White Paper issued recently. usual were dropped by British planes over Cologne. Two civilians were killed in the raid, declared the announcer.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS													DOWN																																							
1-Provides with heat	2-Tiny	3-Negative ion	4-Entire amount	5-In the past	6-System of symbolical representation	7-Unrestrained	8-Smooth in manner	9-Genie	10-Patrick	11-Genie	12-Showing insistent feelings	13-In new way	14-Ward-rimmed game	15-Picture-taking device	16-Long sharp	17-Divided out	18-Discovered with one foot	19-Protecting part	20-Book in liquid	21-Belonging to that	22-Kind of tree	23-Containing to musical sound	24-Philippine aborigine (Tagalog)	25-Providing amusement	26-Of	27-Origin of bird	28-Labor organization	29-Musician	30-Voluntary system of right law	31-In addition to	32-Shareholder of	33-Part of star family	34-Genus embracing century-plants	35-One who propels boat	36-Non-professional Popular male movie actor	37-Pacific Ocean (abbr.)	38-Lasting short time	39-Large bird	40-Unit of time	41-Totaling up	42-Narrow beam of light	43-Will	44-Repatriation (abbr.)	45-Sufficient amount	46-Started suddenly	47-Unit of length	48-Medieval cabinet (French)	49-Label	50-Pathless meadow	51-Compartment in microscope	52-Parcel of land	53-Design (abbr.)

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Chinese Products Fair To Be Opened To-morrow

To-morrow at 3 p.m., His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lt.-Gen. E. F. Norton, will open the fourth annual trade fair of the Hongkong Chinese Manufacturers' Union. The Fair this year is being held on the large tract of open ground opposite the Peninsula Hotel, at the corner of Salisbury and Nathan Roads, and will extend for ten days.

His Excellency's presence to-morrow will serve to give added

encouragement to the organisers, whose efforts to popularise locally-manufactured products have met with deserved success, as well as to the exhibitors, many of whom have co-operated wholeheartedly year after year in the scheme.

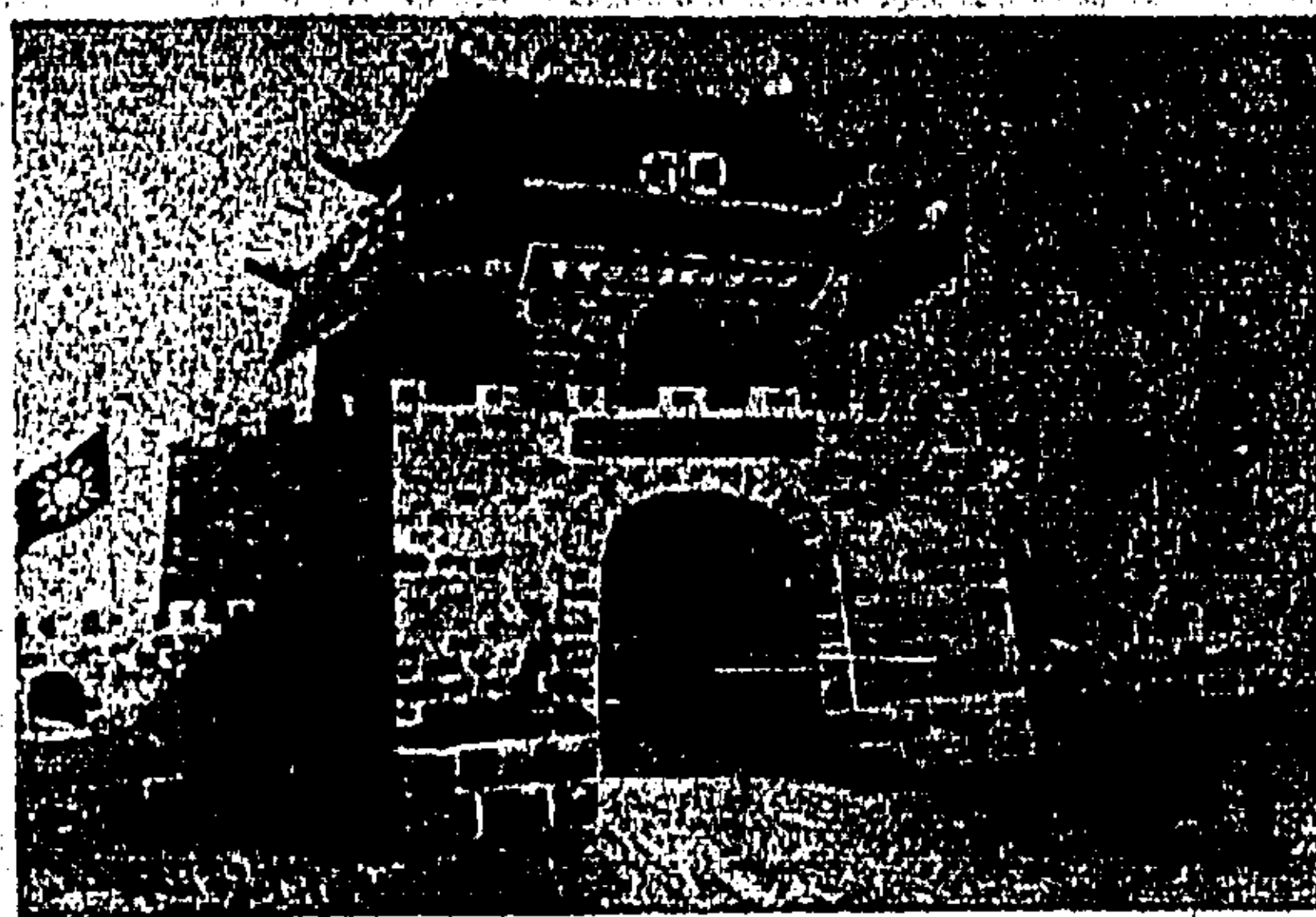
Representative Show

The first Fair of the kind, held in the grounds of St Paul's College four years ago, was a comparatively small affair, and the goods shown were not entirely representative. This year, however, it may be said that every branch of industry in Hongkong is represented. In addition, stalls have

been taken by manufacturers from Macao and Shanghai.

The products on view will include the most trifling articles of daily use, such as matches, safety-pins and toilet requisites, to heavy items of industrial machinery.

Thousands of dollars have been spent in developing the Fair site, which is built in the form of a Chinese walled city, with pal-laus and other characteristic features. Admission to the Fair is 10 cents per person, and an individual ticket costing 50 cents entitles the holder to admission during the entire ten days.



Architect's drawing of the entrance to the Fair, as it will look to-morrow.

Ship Losses Since Outbreak Of War Exceed Three Million Tons

By OTTO JANSSEN

United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (UP).—World shipping losses have exceeded 3,000,000 gross tons since the European war began in September, 1939, and at least 300,000 tons more have been seriously damaged, according to the latest available statistics of the United States Maritime Commission.

It is certain that losses to date are considerably higher than this, as the Commission's figures extend only to the early part of October. The intensified air, submarine and surface-warship offensive of the Axis powers against British shipping was not in full progress at that time. The toll of Empire shipping has been large as a result of the campaign to bring the blockade of Britain to the peak of effectiveness.

The Commission's figures show that from September 3, 1939, to October 5, 1940, a total of 349 British merchantmen of 1,356,233 gross tons have been destroyed. This does not include vessels that have been seriously damaged or listed as missing.

Axis Losses

Germany's losses stand second to Britain's, totalling 69 ships of 382,403 gross tons. Her partner, Italy, has lost 16 vessels totalling 88,646 gross tons, or a total of over 471,000 tons for the Axis partners.

Norway lost 88 vessels of 265,000 tons. Sweden 55 ships of nearly 142,000 tons, and Finland 24 ships of 50,000 tons. This makes a total for the Scandinavian countries of 539,000 tons.

France's losses are listed as 20 vessels of 146,522 gross tons. The Low Countries together have lost a total of 60 vessels of 243,000 tons. Of this total, the Netherlands lost 40 vessels of 150,490 tons.

According to this tabulation, Britain and her Allies, including her former ally, France, and new ally, Greece, have lost 2,014,000 gross tons of shipping.

This does not reflect the full seriousness of the situation to Britain, however, inasmuch as many neutral vessels engaged in carrying goods for Britain have been lost.

The Latin American countries have suffered few ship losses so far because of the war. One Argentine vessel of 3,425 gross tons has been sunk since hostilities commenced, and eight ships flying the Panamanian flag totalling 38,342 tons have been lost. However, some, if not all, of the latter losses were vessels of other countries operating under Panamanian registry.

Many Tankers Sunk

A complete description as to the types of vessels sunk is not available, but it is believed the tanker losses have been particularly heavy in proportion to the number of these vessels available.

To offset her merchant ship losses, Britain is buying practically "anything that floats."

In addition, plans are in progress to build "mass production" facilities in the United States that will handle nearly 30 keels simultaneously.

Some quarters have suggested that Britain might be able to greatly supplement her merchant tonnage through the construction of concrete vessels. These are said to be economical and can be built rapidly.

DENMARK TO KILL LIVESTOCK

Because of the shortage of feeding stuffs 150,000 milch cows, 175,000 heifers, 1,500,000 pigs, and 7,000,000 feathered stock are to be slaughtered in Denmark, says the "Stockholm Aftonbladet".

These figures represent 8, 30, 50 and 50 per cent. of the present numbers respectively.

HITLER'S CHANCES FADING

—Japanese Envoy

The view that Germany's chances of winning the war are rapidly decreasing is understood to have been expressed by the Japanese Minister to Berlin at a recent meeting of Japanese diplomats to European cities.

The diplomats conferred at Zurich and the statement of the representative from Berlin, as recorded in the minutes of the meeting, is understood to declare that serious internal difficulties are to be anticipated in Germany in the coming winter.

There is considerable official apprehension in Berlin about Russia's intentions, according to the Minister, whose predecessor is said to have informed Von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, that Japan would never forgive or forget the act of treachery by Germany in signing a pact with Russia.

The opinion that the United States would soon be an actual belligerent was also expressed at the meeting of diplomats, it is understood.

U. S. Conscripts Face Knowledge Tests

Conscripts called up for selective service in the United States will get a serious shock, unless the War Department suddenly wakes up, when they take tests to determine the military service for which they are best fitted.

The aptitude examinations, based on the intelligence tests to which school children have been subjected for the last couple of decades, are described as so tough that few can make a respectable score.

CRIME UPSWING IN U.S.

Due To World Conditions

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (UP).—

The Citizens' Committee on control of crime reported to-day that crime was on the increase throughout the nation and warned that even greater police vigilance would be necessary to control crime "during the swiftly changing conditions" facing the United States.

Compared to the combined totals of 35 cities throughout the nation of more than 250,000 population, the Committee said "New York's murder rate was half that of the others, its robbery rate one-fourth, its assault rate four-fifths, its burglary rate one-sixth, its larceny of automobiles rate seven-tenths."

"Only in manslaughter by negligence was New York's rate higher than that of the other cities," the report said.

Noting unsettled conditions throughout the world, the Committee asserted that "it has been the experience of the past that in such times as those which are approaching there comes an increase in crime."

One in 53 Arrested

"There is an inclination often to accept this as inevitable, but the need is urgent to guard against this and to gear official machinery to higher speed and greater efficiency."

The report covered the year ended June 30, 1940. As presented by Harry F. Guggenheim, president of the Committee, the findings also revealed that during this period one New Yorker in every 53 was arrested—excluding all traffic violations and disobedience of city ordinances.

The findings also noted that the city now has a "standard of capacity and integrity among its prosecuting officers beyond that of any one time in the past."

"Boys are pre-eminently the thieves of New York City," the report continued. "Of the persons charged with robbery, 29 per cent. were under 21, and 58 per cent. were under 25."

White-Collar Thefts

The committee also found "an unusual sequence of white-collar thefts by persons who are not unemployed, who do not live in poverty but in comfortable, even luxurious homes, who are of superior intelligence—people who contradict almost every one of the standard theories of the causes of crime."

KEPT QUIET ABOUT 800 SOVEREIGNS

Hyman Liss, thirty-two, a wholesale chemist, of Connaught-gardens, Muswell Hill, N., did not reveal to the Government that he held 800 sovereigns, worth £1,000, and a Bow-street Police Court he was fined £1,000, and ordered to pay fifty guineas costs.

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The quiz, which recently was tried out on a number of reserve officers, will put tremendous emphasis on academic, not practical, subjects. One retired Army man with wide engineering experience, confessed he could not answer many of the questions on engineering. True-or-false interrogatories include literary matters that are vaguely familiar, tricky definitions of technical terms and mathematics that would stump a college student.

Just what purpose will be served by such an examination cannot be ascertained. One theory is that the brass hats in the War Department want to fill up the infantry first and figure the test will show few draftees are qualified for any other duty.

Coroner Had Petrol Store, Fined £20

A North Lincolnshire coroner, Colonel W. Smedhurst, of Thornton Hall, Uffebly, was fined £20 and £5 costs at Barton-on-Humber recently for storing petrol.

It was alleged that when a police officer visited his premises in August he was shown 200 gallons of petrol stored in drums in an underground chamber in the orchard, which had the outward appearance of a refuse

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Golf Club Captain Urges Co-operation

Satisfactory Year Reported

An appeal to members to make more use of the Complaints and Suggestions Books so as to assist the Committee in the management of the Club was made by Mr R. Young, outgoing Captain, at the annual meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club yesterday.

Mr Young said the courses had been adequately maintained and were in good shape, although alterations had been confined to the very minimum. The caddies had been on the whole satisfactory but the general standard of service would undoubtedly be improved if members would only be sympathetic and took the trouble of reporting the inefficiencies and the bad.

Due to the evacuation and other causes, there had been an increase in expenditure in certain directions and a reduction in income.

A. K. Mackenzie was elected Captain for the year.

In the course of his review on the activities of the club during the past year, Mr Young said:

Since the report was submitted we have learned with regret of the deaths of six other members—C. H. P. Hay, A. C. Hynes, R. F. Lindell, G. Murray, A. B. Stewart and R. E. H. Oliver—and I am sure you will all be sorry to note, among those who have passed on since our last meeting, the names of so many old friends and good sportsmen. After more than a year of War, the thought that must be uppermost in our minds is our good fortune here in Hongkong in having been able to preserve the amenities, and continue all the facilities of the Club, almost without interruption. It is fitting, therefore, in this connection, that, together with our deceased members, we should also bear in mind those subscribers, of whom it is more difficult to keep track, who have gone from our midst, and already lost their lives in the War.

Your main interest, must necessarily lie with our Courses, and those of you who have been able to play during the year will, I trust, agree that these have been adequately maintained and are in good shape. Excessive rain during the season was not an unmixed blessing, for although it helped the greens and fairways, it necessitated much more work in the shape of increased drainage and the replacement of one green that had to be re-turfed.

STAFF INACT

We have been lucky in retaining our staff almost intact, otherwise neither our organisation nor our Courses would be in the condition they are today. Our Secretary, Col. Matthews, end of his contract with the Club in March last, and much reasonably have expected to retire then, or at least take things a bit easier. Instead of that, he has put in a hard year's work for the Club under trying conditions, but he is nevertheless happy to carry on for the time being, and we continue to benefit by his services, after the long period of nearly 17 years devoted to the best interests of the Club. (Applause).

Our Superintendent, Mr. Hitchens, should have been off for a well earned leave, and when this proved impossible because of the war, your Committee tried to arrange for his replacement. This fell through also, and to do the only thing that was possible was to ask Mr. Hitchens to stay the week he has just completed as a Snapper with the Engineer Company. Mr. Hitchens, who has shared the Club's shares with her husband the responsibility for our creature comforts at the quasi compulsory Government scheme with which you are familiar. It is very greatly to Mr. Hitchens' credit that, in his wife's absence, he has taken personal charge of all departments at Fanling and is running these in a pleasant and cheerful manner to the apparent satisfaction of members.

ALTERATIONS TO COURSES

Alterations to the Courses have been confirmed to the very minimum, and beyond the making of new drains and catchments to cope with the extraordinary rainfall, very little was done. In the matter of our Club House at Fanling, the necessary repairs have been carried out as required, and I think most members are satisfied that at present it is enough to try to maintain existing standards of comfort. We hope that the numbers of player at week ends will be maintained, and this results in over-crowding on Sunday particularly, but that is, after all, a very small inconvenience in war time. Last year, Mr. Lissaman informed you that the New Club House scheme had been indefinitely postponed and the position has not changed except that the liability was carried then to preliminary architects' fees etc. has now been met, and we are well set to open up the scheme again when the time comes.

Caddies, on the whole, have been satisfactory, and while we cannot hope to eliminate faulty conduct entirely, the general standard of caddie service

will undoubtedly be improved if members will only be sympathetic with the boys who are doing their best, and the trouble to report the inefficiencies and the bad. In the last category, we continue to find a few stealing balls, and a brief report when that happens enables the offender to be suspended immediately. Unfortunately, the number of ball visitors on the Courses has increased recently, and also larger numbers of villagers are inclined to stray from the beaten paths. Both of these nuisances are now being tackled with the assistance of the District Officer and the Police, and it is hoped an improvement will soon be noticeable.

MORE CO-OPERATION URGED

Talking of taking the trouble to make brief reports reminds me of another direction in which I think your Committee might have more co-operation from members generally. The point I have in mind is, that remarkably little use is made of the Complaints and Suggestions Books in the Club Houses. These are now on the table at all the meetings of your Committee, but very few members take advantage of them as a means of making their views known. Occasionally, quite useful suggestions emanate from the source, but I would like to emphasise, that a member who makes use of the Complaints and Suggestions Book is not making a nuisance of himself, but is actually assisting in the management of the Club, and all such assistance is very welcome.

As a war-time measure also, we have let it be known to the Naval and Military Authorities that we welcome as visitors, golfers amongst other ranks, whose temporary war time duties bring them to Hongkong.

STATISTICS

A word about Happy Valley and Deep Water Bay is called for because, there—like at Fanling—is considerably reduced, these courses are not empty by any means. Incidentally, our Secretary has given me some statistics to show exactly what falling off has taken place in the play at all three courses. Like War-time finance, these figures are somewhat staggering in their dimensions—1,100,000 holes were played, in 1940 only 600,000 holes. This record was easily broken from our caddie chit returns, but you can thank the God of Golf that we have no statistics which would enable me to inflict you with the number of strokes these holes represent!

Turning now to the accounts for the year, the evacuation of our ladies, the bad weather during the summer months, and the breakdown of the railway, all obviously contributed in no manner to the reduction in our income and in certain directions to an increase in our expenditure. The cost of supplies is increasing steadily, but your committee has endeavoured to position increases in prices as long as possible.

Steady progress has been maintained in the Building Fund which now stands at over \$100,000 and this, I think, must be considered very satisfactory in view of the fact that all architects' fees, and the cost of sinking a well have been met.

ACCOUNTS

The Balance of Profit and Loss

Table Tennis

Hongkong Girls Beat Macao 6-1

Men's Matches To-night

MACAO women's table tennis interport team were severely beaten by Hongkong in the match held at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. last night. The local team emerged victorious by 6 matches to one.

Table tennis, generally, was interesting, though the Macao players were definitely the inferior. Perhaps the most interesting of the evening's games was that between Yeung Wal-bun (Hongkong champion) and Cheng Ching-hin (Macao champion), and though this resulted in a 2-0 win for the local girl, standard was remarkably high.

Complete scores were:

Wong Oi-lan (H.K.) beat Law Sin 2-0.

Mok Woon-king (H.K.) lost to Ho Siu-fan 1-2.

So Im-hing (H.K.) beat Cheuk Yeut-ngan 2-0.

Yeung Wal-bun (H.K.) beat Cheng Ching-hin 2-0.

Lo Chiu-yi (H.K.) beat Li Ying-ngr 2-0.

Chu Kan-san (H.K.) beat Lau Tung-fei 2-0.

Leung Chiu-kit (H.K.) beat Tsui Sau-miu 2-0.

To-Night's Programme

THE MEN'S MATCHES will take place to-night on the same court at the same time. It is anticipated that the evening's games will be of a high standard, and that the Kowloon Cricket Club, play will be closer, and standard higher. A victory for either side should be by a narrow margin.

Hongkong Macao

Li Chun-hung	Yeung Kam-chun
Leung Cheuk-fai	Cheng Kwok-wing
Lo Kwai-sang	Wu Kam-hing
Li Chi-chiu	Koon Wing-po
Wong Ip-sing	Wong Wing-nin
Lui Sit-cheung	Wong Wing-on
Lau Kwan-cho	Kwok Koon-ying
Yuen Kien-wan	Cheng Shu-chung
Wu Wing-seung	Leung Man-woon
	Luk Lai-wu

Account shows that in face of all the adverse circumstances with which we have had to contend, we failed to even on the year's working by some \$550. This, you may think, is not a very satisfactory result with an accountant as Captain and an astute Finance Sub-Committee actively on the job, but I would ask you not to judge us too severely. There are those who maintain, with some merit, that it is never to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all, and though \$1,000 to the War Fund can hardly be described as abandoned loving, it is at least an affectionate gesture on behalf of the cause which is no amount at the moment. We have made it, and lost it, which has cost us a packet! That is our account, and we are profiting on what has become known as "the re-uplift ball racket"! This year our profit on re-uplift has been ruthlessly cut from 240 per cent. to 210. Do you want any clearer proof that we have done our best?

Mr. Young concluded by thanking the General Committee and all the sub-committees for the hardwork they had been in during the past year. Mrs. Mackenzie and the officials of the Ladies Section, as well as those who presented prizes for the War Fund competitions.

NEW CAPTAIN ELECTED

After the report and accounts had been adopted, Mr. Young proposed the election of Mr. A. K. Mackenzie as Captain.

The following were elected to the Committee—Messrs D. J. Blake, A. D. Humphreys, F. D. Hunter, J. A. Morrison, H. H. Mundy, F. A. Redmond, A. Sommerfeld, G. C. Worral, R. Young.

Mr. Young announced that the new Captain would play himself in on December 21 when his Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut-General E. F. Norton will also pay his first visit to the Club.

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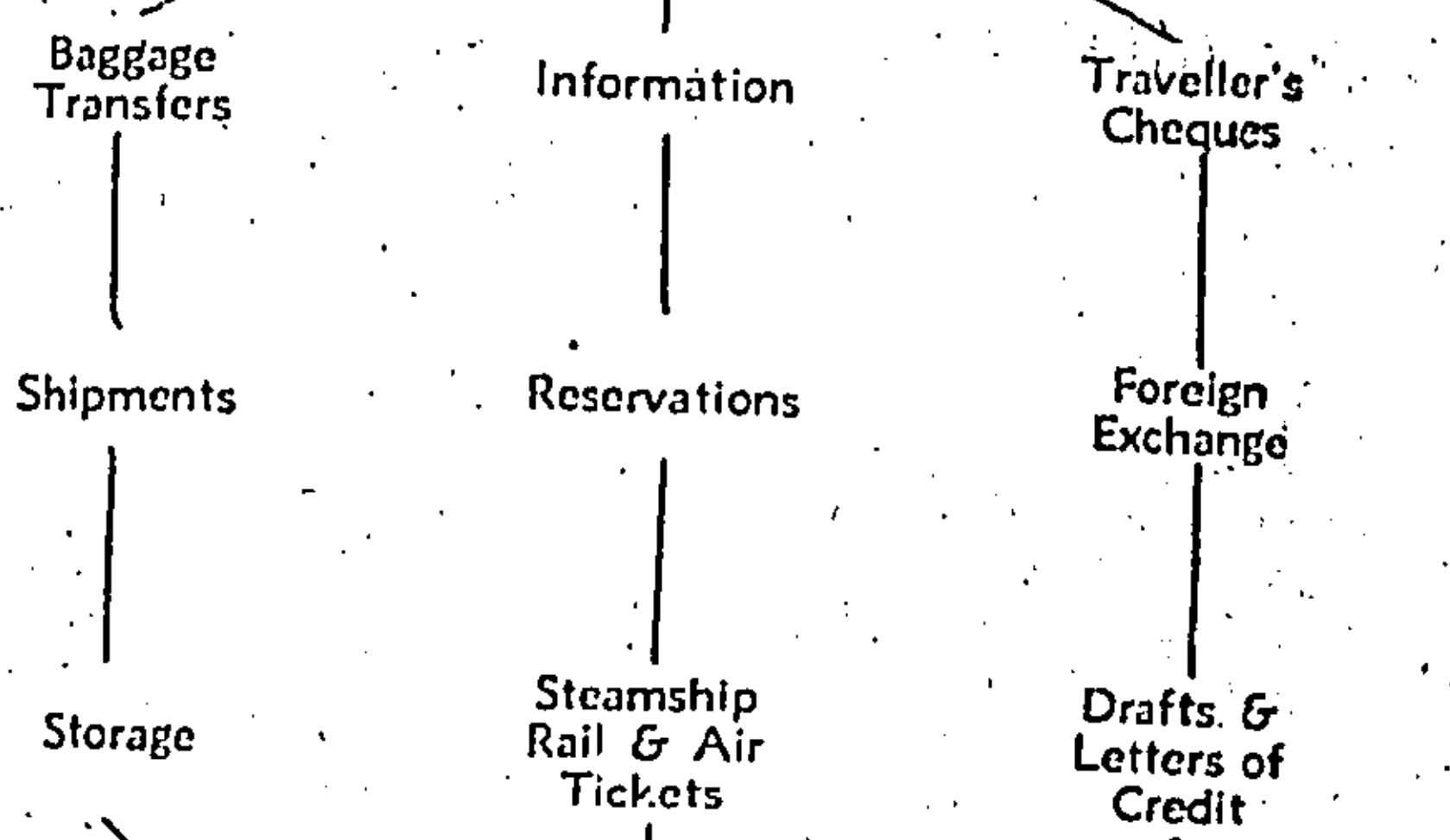
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Let Us Get On With It!

THE receipt this week of the Home Government's reply to the Hongkong husbands' petition concerning evacuation has brought this vexed subject once again before the public eye. Rejection of the petition comes as no surprise; the evacuated wives and families have the satisfaction of knowing that their husbands did what was expected of them, and did it in a decent, reasonable manner. The petitioners are bound to feel disappointed, but it is to be hoped that this disappointment will not give place to more violent reactions; recriminations and mud-slinging will avail their cause nothing, and will in fact, be entirely uncalled for. The husbands presented their petition to the highest authority and they must abide by that decision, even if it is contrary to their fondest hopes. In short, they must be prepared to take their medicine.

There appears to be resentment at the tone of Lord Lloyd's reply; one enraged husband described it as an insult; careful reading of the telegram does not justify such severe language. The last paragraph of the reply is, perhaps, gratuitous, or at least it suggests that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has misunderstood the motivating force behind the petition. It is not quite fair broadly to hint that the petition was sent because the husbands of Hongkong are squealers and incapable of making sacrifices; the most critical opponents of the petition, knowing the true facts, would not support this suggestion. The sacrifice had already been made; it was the injustice of the position created by a partially reversed policy which called for the action taken by the husbands. Lord Lloyd's confidence that the British people in Hongkong will not lag behind those at home or any other part of the Empire in accepting sacrifices during these critical times will certainly not be misplaced.

The reason for refusing the petition cannot in honesty be called into dispute. The lesser problems must give way to the greater interests; it is a sound principle and one readily understood and appreciated. If the Secretary of State for the Colonies believes that reversal of the evacuation policy at this stage would mean a disaster to the Empire's war cause, then it is clearly the duty of Hongkong to accept his verdict willingly and cheerfully. Let posterity debate the merits of the decision; Hongkong has a part to play in helping to win this war. Let us get on with it.

SAMOAN
AIR BASE

New American Plan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HONOLULU, Dec. 20 (UP).

—It was unofficially learned today that the United States Navy plans to construct an air base in American Samoa, and it is believed that the site will be Rose Island, about 200 miles east of Tutuila.

The possibility of developing a Samoan air station, both commercial and for military use, has been widely discussed ever since the crash of the Samoan Clipper near Tutuila on January 11, 1938.

Both the Pan American Airways and the Navy Department have surveyed the island which the Hepburn Board in 1938 recommended as a location for an air base.

It is reported that a party, including Supervising architect, an engineer and men in addition to advance equipment have already been sent to open the work.

No comment has been made by naval officials.

Two Steamers

Torpedoed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (UP).

The Mackay Radio reports that the British Steamer Carlton was torpedoed at 7:59 a.m. to-day by a submarine 300 miles west off the Irish coast.

Messages were also intercepted indicating that two ships were under attack by submarines about 300 miles west of Donegal Bay.

The first distress call was at 7:59 a.m. E.S.T. from the steamer Carlton, and 40 minutes later the steamer Varangberg reported that she was being attacked. The latter vessel is of 2,842 tons.

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FRENCH-GERMAN
RELATIONS

Weygand Vichy's Trump Card

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Meetings of the French Cabinet are believed to be due to a new phase in Franco-German relations caused by the dismissal of Laval and Abetz's visit to Vichy.

Reports from Vichy strengthen the impression that Marshal Petain and Flandin are willing to envisage closer economic relations with Germany at Abetz's behest.

However, any German demand in excess of the Armistice terms would be resisted by Petain, whose trump card is the presence of General Weygand in Africa.

It is said that Petain has had to make certain concessions to Abetz, including the liberation of Count de Brinon, who was reportedly arrested with Laval, and the appointment of de Brinon as French delegate to the Occupied Zone.

Seemingly the Germans are realising that Laval was too discredited to serve their purpose in office again and have selected de Brinon as an alternative tool.

Control of Industry
It is thought, however, that the Franco-German situation is unlikely to undergo much change at present. Germany already controls French industry, while if she made demands of a military nature she would risk forcing Petain to resign and give Weygand the signal that the time has come to resume resistance.

Gestapo Watchdogs
LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Fearing lest the pressure they are now exercising on Vichy should lead to a situation in which Marshal Petain and his collaborators, pushed beyond endurance, might feel that the only solution would be their flight into North Africa, the Germans have increased the number of Gestapo men in Vichy and have placed members of the German secret police on guard at French ports and aerodromes, states the Free French agency.

The perpetual fear to bring about the breakdown of the French African Empire enjoins caution among the Nazis but nonetheless they are now doing all they can to wear down the resistance of the few men around Petain who continue to hold out against dishonourable and traitorous dealings such as recently advocated by Laval.

TARANTO
HONOURS

Awards Announced

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).

The blow struck at the Italian Navy when the Fleet Air Arm made its daring raid on Taranto is recalled by the announcement in the "London Gazette" to-night of honours conferred on six of the officers concerned.

Two are made Companions of the Distinguished Service Order, namely, Lieut.-Commander John William Hail and Lieut.-Commander Kenneth Williamson, both of the aircraft-carrier Illustrious.

The other four who receive the Distinguished Service Cross, are Lieut. George Albert Carline and Lieut. Norman John Scarmel, also of the Illustrious, and Lieut. David Gordon Goodwin and Captain Oliver Patch, Royal Marines, of the aircraft-carrier Eagle.

Havas Agency

Taken Over

Petain's New Plan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VICHY, Dec. 20 (UP).—Marshal Petain has created a French Information Office which will take over the Havas Agency, which will henceforth operate as a two-way world-wide news service, contributing as well as collecting news in all countries.

The agency will be under the direct control of the Secretary of State charged with Propaganda and in the future will be a Cabinet member.

The Presidency of the Council, the Council of Ministers, and the Ministries of Finance, Home Affairs, Foreign Affairs, and Colonies will each be represented on the Editorial Council.

Princess Juliana

In New York

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (UP).—Princess Juliana of the Netherlands arrived here to-day for a three-day visit and will attend numerous luncheons and dinner receptions. She leaves for Ottawa on Saturday.

New York Feels

Earthquake

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (UP).—A three-minute earthquake at 2:27 a.m. to-day jarred a wide area in New England, New York, New Jersey and Quebec. There were no casualties and no particular damage was reported.

SMIGLY-RYDZ

ESCAPES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUCHAREST, Dec. 20 (UP).—Marshal Smigly-Rydz of the Polish Army, has escaped from an internment camp. No details have been released.

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CAUSE OF
GREEKS

By Adriatic

Action

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).

—In the Adriatic, the Navy has carried out a heavy attack on Valona itself and threatened Durazzo. The effect of such action by sea will be most far-reaching in the campaign in Albania and its importance was foreseen some days ago.

If the Greeks can only get their left wing forward along the coast and enter the narrow belt of low-lying country between Valona and Durazzo, they may be able to push forward more rapidly than they can through the mountains between Pogradetz and El Bassan.

Such an advance would turn and cut off the whole system of Italian defence in these mountains at much less cost in men and time and with far more decisive results than could be achieved by merely pressing the Italians back on that line.

The fleet of Italy is only about 40 miles from Valona, yet while the Navy was pumping shells into that vital Italian supply port in Albania, the Italian Fleet and planes apparently deemed it wiser to stay at home.

Chungking

Clash With

Communists

CHUNGKING, Dec. 20 (Reuter).

—The Communist Army situation has become so tense that some solution must be found.

In many provinces in addition to fighting against the Japanese troops, Government troops and officials must deal with Communist interference.

Finally the Government decided to order all Communist forces comprising the 18th Group Army and the New Fourth Army to move to new positions so that there will be no further friction between Government and Communist forces.

The order, signed jointly by Generals Ho Ying-ching and Pai Chung-hsi, Chief and Deputy Chief of the Chinese General Staff, is the form of military orders.

Chungking circles declare that as the order is a military one there can be no argument or questioning and that it must be carried out.

Chinese Communists say that the time allowed them is insufficient. All circles in Chungking are advocating action by the Government. If the matter comes to the worst, though many quarters still believe that an amicable settlement is possible, Government circles are confident that they can handle the situation whatever happens.

It is pointed out that the Communist troops are poorly trained and equipped. They are principally guerrillas doing more propaganda work than fighting. The Communists are far outnumbered by the Government forces which are better trained and equipped.

U. S. Defence

Body

Personnel Named

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).

—The formation of a new office of Production Management for Defence to head the enormous programme for rearming the nation while producing arms for Britain was announced by President Roosevelt to-night at a special press conference.

Mr. William Knudsen, Chairman of the Defence Commission, will be director of the new office with Mr. Sidney Hillman, now Defence Commission member for Labour problems, as associate director.

The other two members of the office will be Mr. H. L. Stimson, the War Secretary, and Colonel Frank Knox, the Navy Secretary.

Commission Remains

Mr. Roosevelt said that the Defence Commission would remain exactly as it is but implied that it would be superseded in many of its functions by the new office which will start work in about ten days.

The decision to establish the new office was reached at a conference to-day with the Defence Commission, Mr. Stimson, Colonel Knox and their under-secretaries.

President Roosevelt said that the new office would have full power to make its own decisions, reached unanimously without voting.

Asked whether he thought that the latest defence plan would result in a material speeding up of the armament programme, the President said that he would not say that because the programme had been gaining speed every 24 hours.

Italy Suspends 97

Train Services

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Dec. 20 (UP).—The Italian press disclosed that effective yesterday, service was suspended on 97 train schedules throughout Italy from the Brenner Pass to Sicily, including 10 passenger trains on the Brenner Pass line.

BARDIA UNDER
SMOKE

FROM PAGE ONE

have arrived at the Western Desert's strategic escarpment.

I came on the frontier country with only a thin film of British advanced troops between me and Bardia.

Sollum, when I left, was lying disconsolately smashed up.

Under Point Blank Fire

The desert was across literally to the sea and British troops, pushing forward from Bugbug, swarmed across the completely exposed plain without any cover, and under point blank range of the artillery from the Italian barracks perched on the cliff top.

Fighting the Halfaya Pass, the British forces scrambled on a tableland and chased towards the frontier the retreating Italians who were speeding back to Libya abandoning colossal quantities of war material and stores in their flight.

A few miles ahead of me lies all that remains of Bardia—crumbling shells of buildings crunched incessantly by torrents of bombs and shells, and now under siege by mechanised units backed up by the weight of the infantry.

Twelve Italian bombers and a score of fighters, this afternoon, from a height of 500 feet attacked British troops in positions nearby, inflicting neither damage nor casualties with their ground strafing and machine-gunning.

20,000 Italians In Reserve

Westward from Bardia and deeper into Libya, Graziani is reported to be holding in readiness about 20,000 soldiers despite the enormity of his losses in prisoners and casualties resulting from the initial impact of the offensive.

The astonishing velocity of British's Middle-East military tornado is realised by the fact that it has taken me precisely as long in a fast Ford utility van to cross the recently Italian occupied part of Egypt as it did the British Imperial Forces—always a day ahead—battering through enemy opposition the whole way over the very worst patches of boulder-strewn desert I have ever seen, and under

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1940.



There Is a Santa Claus

THIS is the most famous article on Santa Claus ever written. It first appeared in the "New York Sun" in 1897, and has been reprinted in that paper every Xmas since. It is the reply of the Editor to a little reader of eight.

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WE take pleasure in answering at once the communication below.

"Dear Editor,—I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Please tell me the truth. Is there a Santa Claus?—Virginia O'Hanlon."

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the scepticism of a sceptical age. They do not believe except what they see.

They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little.

In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect—an ant in his intellect as compared with the

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might as well not believe in fairies!

You might get your papa to hire men to watch all chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down what would that prove?

Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus.

Most of the real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that is no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that there are unseen or unseeable in the world.

You tear apart a baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but

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boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy.

Alas, how dreary the world would be if there were no Santa Claus.

It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight.

Eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished. Not believe in Santa Claus! You

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there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart.

Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, and romance can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real?

Ah, Virginia. In all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus? Thank God he lives, and he lives for ever. A thousand years from now, Virginia—nay, ten times ten thousand years from now—he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.



Christmas

IF EVER THERE WAS A NEED FOR FAITH, now is the time. Much of the world is torn by war. Men in whose hearts there is evil have gained power. Those who toil in fields and factories; women in the home; little children visited in their innocence with disaster—none have escaped suffering in those lands where greed holds sway. Perhaps the time has come for the testing of spiritual values. Perhaps only those who truly believe, and are willing to fight for their faith in the good, the generous, the kindly way of life will ultimately survive. Let Christmas, then, be the symbol of renewed faith. Christmas, that most Holy Day, when a little Child was born, touched with God's own hand in blessing, that He might grow

to Manhood a Man among men, a Leader in the way of life that is righteous, and gives to every man his just share of this world's goods.

REMEMBERING HIS WORD, we can feel certain that the evil will perish, drowned in that very misery they have brought down upon their fellow men. The evil shall be swept from the earth, and the good shall arise from their suffering, to see the dawn of a happier day. He was once a tiny child,

like the millions of little children still secure and spared the horror and pain which millions of others have felt. In His name, let us make this Christmas our time to pledge ourselves to the continued safety of our boys and girls—for they are the men and women of the future; who will carry on the spirit of democracy, which gives to all people the right to live the good life, the free life—without the tormenting kind of "right" and "wrong" conceived by dictators who allow no faith among their people—but demand blind following.

HE WAS A JUST LEADER, men and women in all walks of life followed Him because He preached man's inherent right to a happy life. On Christmas Day—the anniversary of His birth—let us reavow our faith in His word.



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MY QUEER ADVENTURE

By George Robey

I HAVE not had much experience of ghosts, but there is one remarkable episode I shall not easily forget.

I had gone to spend Christmas in the country, and was staying at a very old house which a friend of mine had owned for many years. We had a merry time on Christmas Day, and at half-past two, drowsy with good food, we were all sprawling round the great open hearth, telling ghost stories. Naturally, the one connected with this particular house was given precedence. The youngest daughter of the house told the tale of the house told the

It appeared that some generations ago the whole place, with its surrounding land, had been inherited by two brothers who simply could not get on together. Friction occurred hourly, and not a day passed without a fierce quarrel.

The Toss of a Coin

One Christmas Eve found them quarrelling again. It was then that Richard suggested, half jokingly, that they should toss a coin to decide which of them should remain in possession of the farm, and which go abroad. John examined the suggestion carefully. They went into details. And finally they tossed. John won.

Twenty years later the ghost of Richard, the brother who had lost, began to haunt the house. Villagers and servants about the place were reported to have seen the apparition on two occasions recently, and both times the ghost had been juggling with pennies. Apparently, it frequented a very old outhouse nearby.

At this juncture in her story the daughter of the house was interrupted by her elder sister, who very determinedly announced that she had never seen the wretched ghost, anyway. The rest of the family laughingly agreed. No one, apart from an impressionable maidservant and some gossiping villagers, had actually seen the ghost, and it was quite evident that the family pooh-poohed the whole story. Anyway, it quickly faded from our conversation.

I felt very drowsy that night and fell asleep almost immediately my head touched the pillow.

A Startling Awakening

It must have been nearly four in the morning when I suddenly started up in bed. And, immediately, I knew that I had not awakened normally. Now I don't consider myself easily moved by so-called supernatural happenings, but just for a minute a chill shiver ran down my spine, and I felt strangely uneasy. Still sitting there I peered round the room. Not a movement; not a sound. Reassured, I slipped from the bed and made towards the window.

It was snowing. Softly, sadly, the flakes fell. Already the ground was covered and the trees and bushes heavily laden. I stood there for a moment fascinated by the leisurely beauty of that falling snow. And then suddenly I stiffened.

Then was it Richard's ghost I had seen coming to the outhouse, in search of this penny? Or had it been merely a trick of the snow on the bushes, and was my finding the penny at the same time, merely a coincidence? Again, had the penny any connection whatever with the two brothers?

I returned to my room, put the penny on my dressing-table, and climbed back to bed. Tomorrow, I would tell them what had happened, and produce the penny to prove what I said.

Lost

It must have been half-past six when I awakened again. Once more I felt it was not quite a normal awakening. I had heard something. A peculiar series of sounds—and yet I was not definitely certain that I had heard anything. I turned over and slept.

Almost the first thing I noticed when I awoke again was that the penny no longer lay on the dressing-table. I searched everywhere. Indirectly, I questioned everyone in the house without telling them what had happened. But the penny was not forthcoming. It had vanished completely, and I never found it again.

Now, if I had believed in ghosts, I would have said that Richard's ghost came to my room and took that penny. But, somehow, that seemed rather improbable. In fact, the whole story from beginning to end, when I reconsidered it, seemed very strange.

However, I have merely set down here exactly what happened on that queer Christmas. I leave it without further comment.

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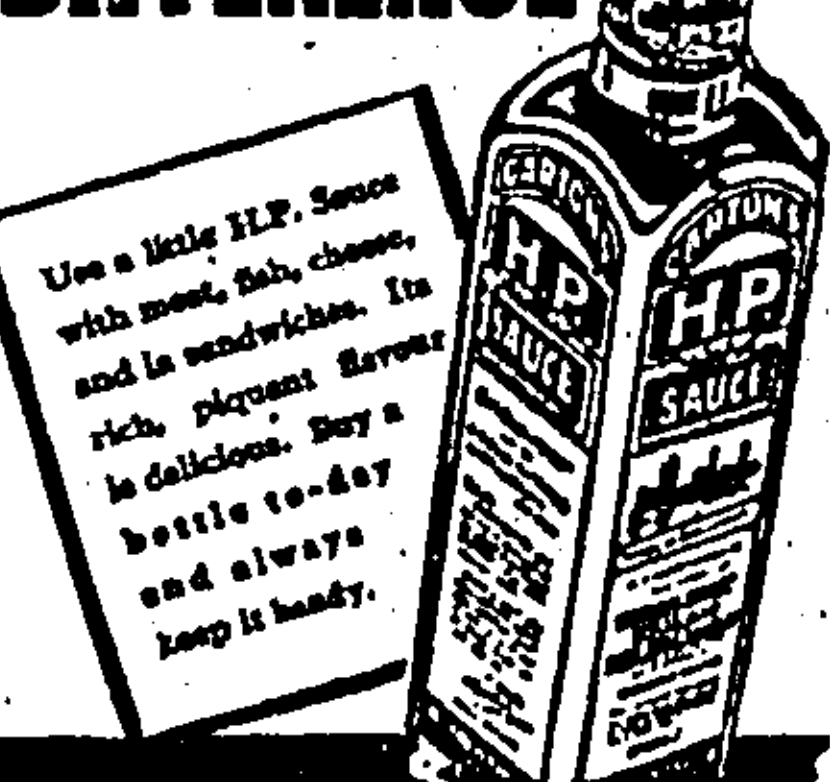
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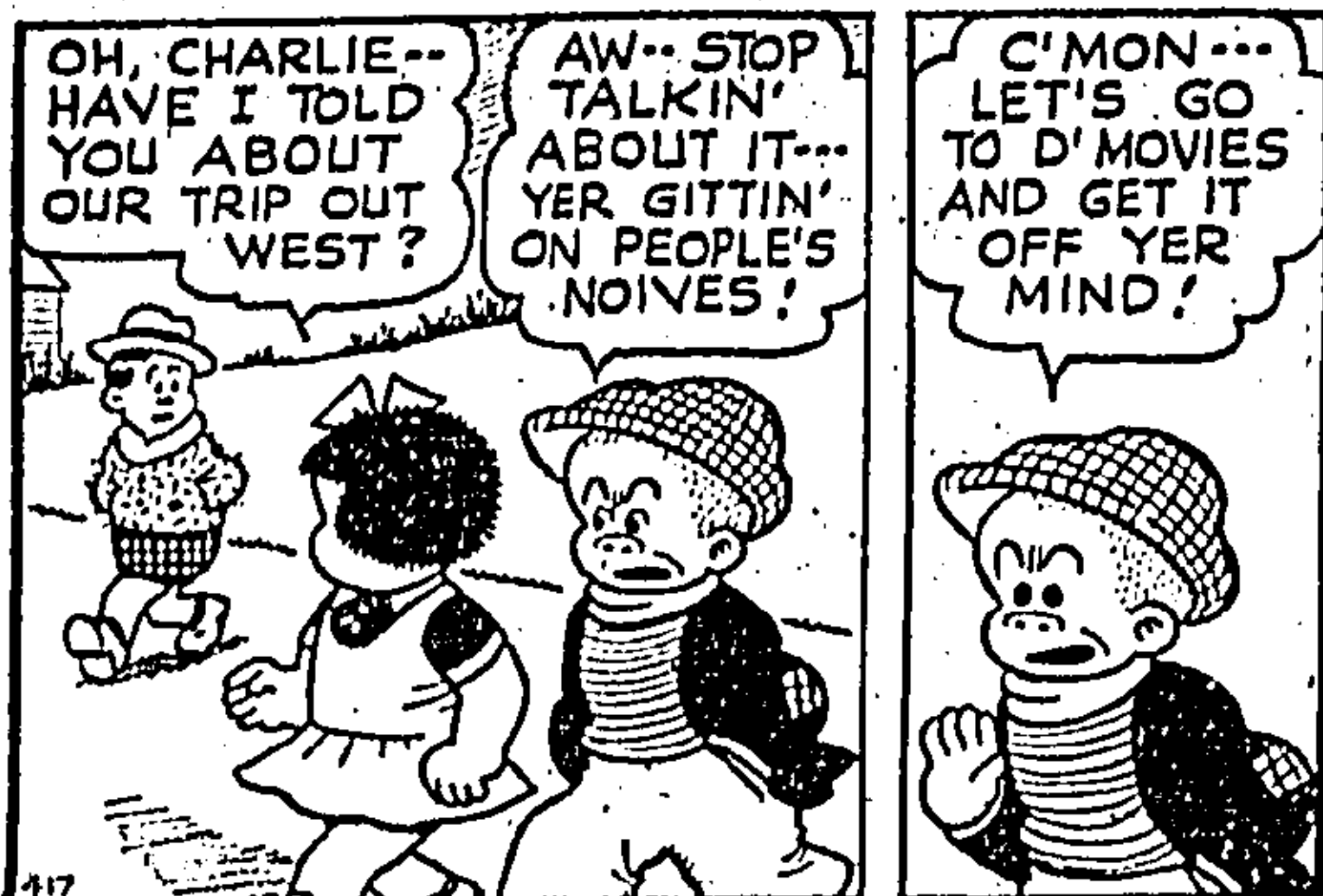
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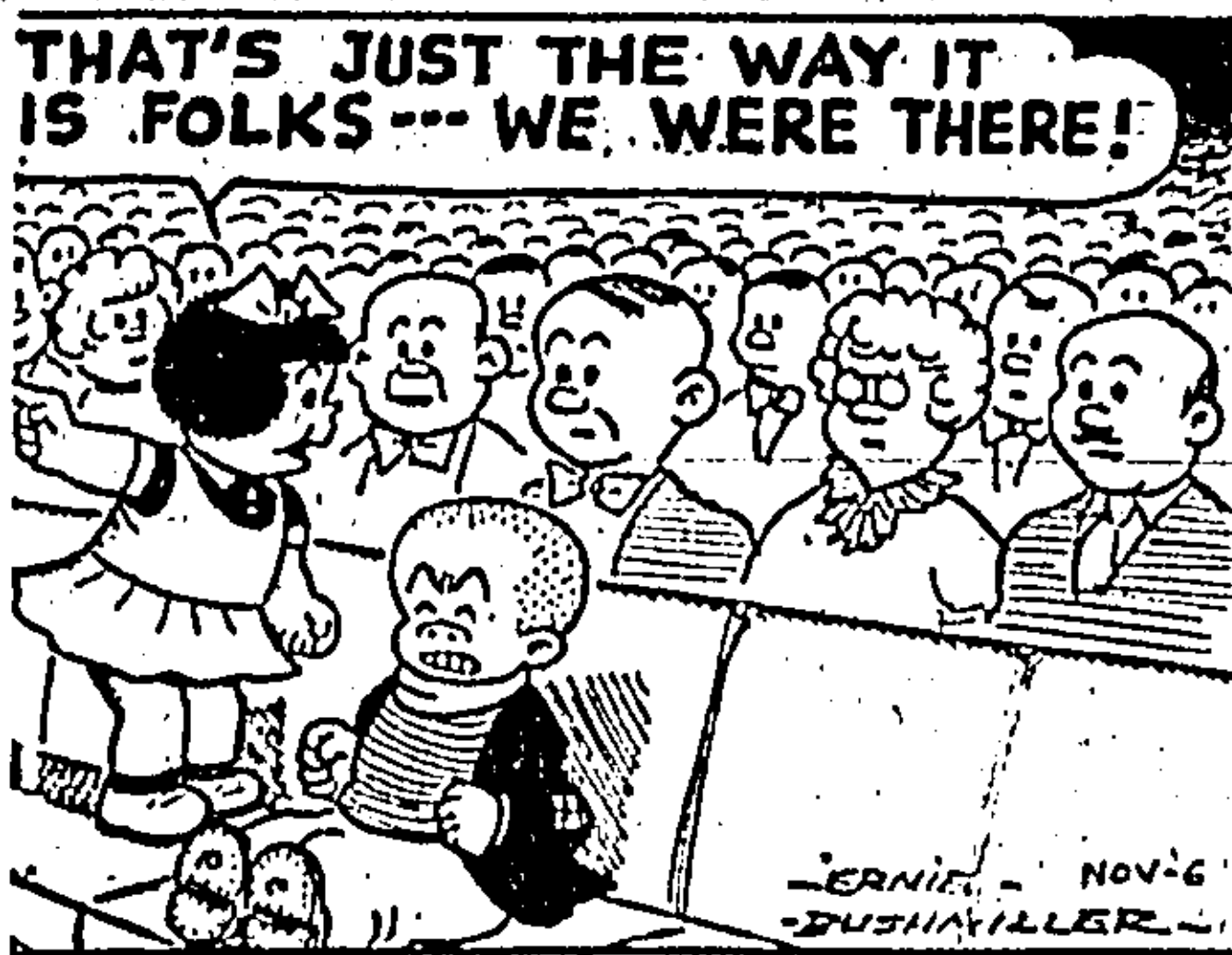
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller



A strange Christmas in the trenches, described by an officer in a letter to his mother. The author was an officer of the Scots Guards of the Regular Army. He was killed in action, March 12, 1915, at the age of 25.

PEACE on EARTH

By Capt. Sir Edward Hulse

December 28, 1914
MY Dearest Mother: Just returned to billets again, after the most extraordinary Christmas in the trenches you could possibly imagine. On the 23rd we took over, relieving the Grenadiers, and during the 24th the usual firing took place. But when we stood to arms at 6.30 a.m. on the 25th there was not much shooting. By 8.30 I saw four unarmed Germans leave their trenches, which were 350 yards from ours, and come toward us. I went out to meet them.

They were private soldiers, and their spokesman started off by saying that he thought it only right to come over and wish us a happy Christmas. I asked them what orders they had from their officers, and they said none; they had come over out of good will. They protested that they had no feeling of enmity toward us, and that, unless directly ordered, they were not going to shoot again until we did.

We talked for half an hour. Then I escorted them back to their barbed wire, leaving instructions that if any of them came out again they must not come over the halfway line, and appointing a ditch as the meeting place. We parted and I went to headquarters to report. On my return at 10 a.m. I heard a hell of a din going on, and not a single man left in my trenches.

To my amazement I saw at the halfway place not only a crowd of about 150 British and Germans but six or seven such crowds, all the way down our lines. Scots and Huns were fraternizing in the most genuine manner. Souvenirs were exchanged, addresses given, photos of families shown, etc. Then a German n.c.o. with the Iron Cross started his fellows off on some marching tune. When they had done I set the note for "The Boys of Bonnie Scotland, where the heather and the bluebells grow." And so we went on singing everything from "Good King Wenceslaus" to "Tipperary," and ended up with "Auld Lang Syne," which we all, English, Scots, Irish, Prussians, Wurtembergers, joined in.

Just as we finished singing, a hare started up. I gave one loud "View Holloa," and one and all, British and Germans, rushed about giving chase, slipping on the frozen ground, falling about. After a hot two minutes we killed in the open, a German and one of our fellows falling together upon the baffled hare. Then we saw four more hares and killed one; the enemy kept one and we kept the other.

It was now 11.30 a.m. and George Paynter arrived on the scene with a hearty, "Well, my lads, a Merry Christmas to you! This is d-d comic, isn't it?" Then he produced a large bottle of rum and said, "I've brought you something to celebrate this funny show with." One large shout went up. The German spokesman drank our healths in the name of his *Kameraden*, and then the bottle was passed around and polished off before you could say knife.

During the afternoon the scene was again enacted between the lines. It was a perfect day, everything white, and the silence seemed extraordinary after the

usual din. It was the first time, day or night, that we had heard no guns. We hardly ever see a bird, but now from all sides birds seemed to arrive. I fed about 50 sparrows outside my dugout.

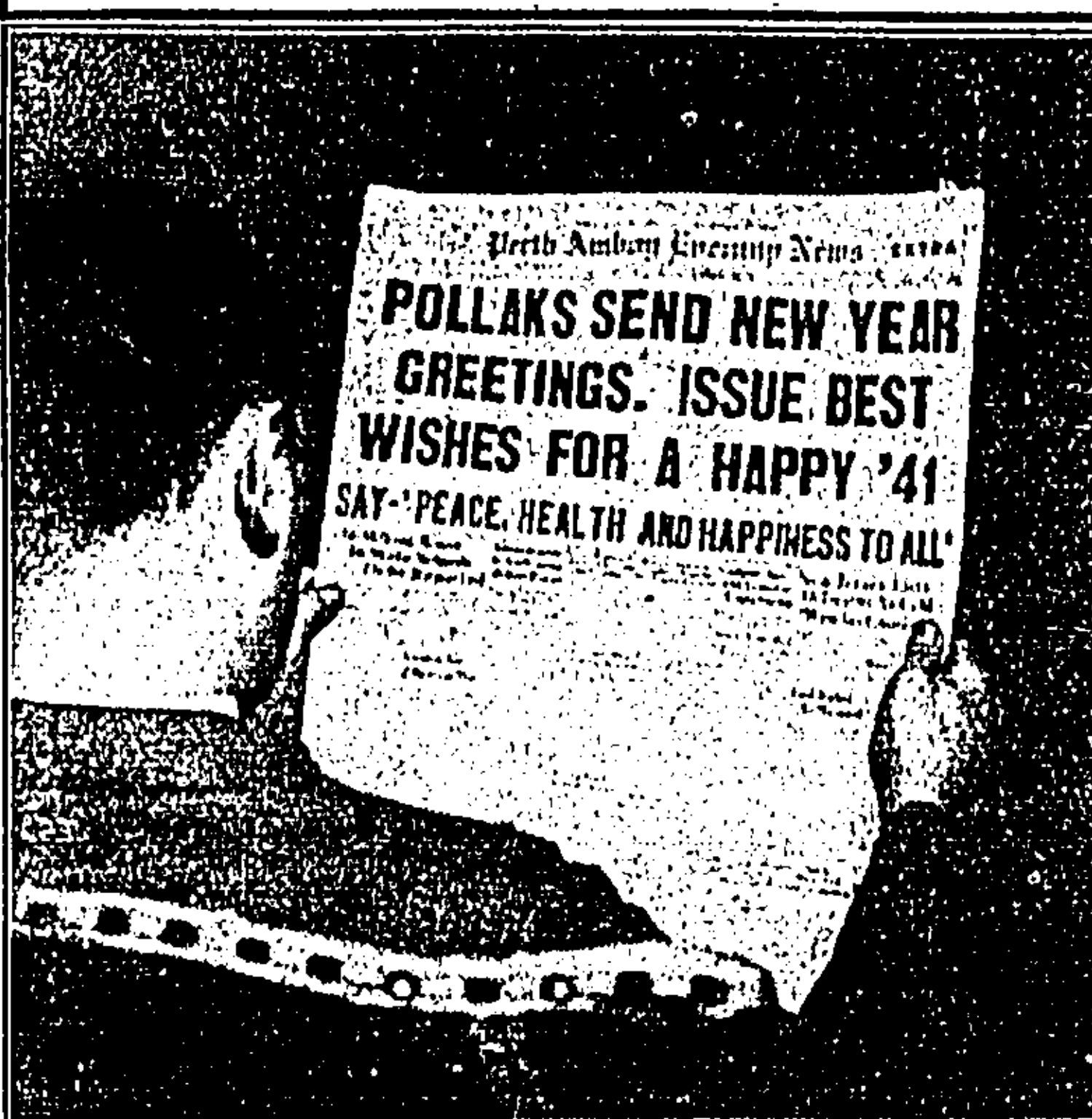
The lull gave both sides an opportunity to bring up piles of wood, straw, etc., which is generally only brought with difficulty under fire. We improved our dugouts, and roofed in new ones. We also put up some big trestle obstacles, with barbed wire all over them; and the Germans came out and sat on their parapet, and watched us. There was one bit of ground, over which we attacked on the 18th, where our dead were still lying out between the trenches. So a pleasant German officer arranged to bring all our dead to the halfway between the lines. When George heard of it he went down to that section and talked to the nice officer and gave him a scarf. That evening a German orderly came to the halfway line and brought a pair of warm woolly gloves as a present in return for George.

At 4.30 p.m. we agreed to keep to our respective trenches and told the Germans that the truce was ended. They persisted, however, in saying that they were not going to fire; and as George had told us not to, unless they did, we prepared for a quiet night. All was quiet that night and the next morning. The same comic form of truce, with pleasant conversation and assurances that the Germans had no intention of firing, continued on the 26th. That night, too, all was quiet until 11 p.m., when a German deserter was brought in who stated that the whole German line was going to attack at midnight. I stood my company to arms, and suddenly our guns all along the line opened a heavy fire. All the enemy did was to reply with heavy howitzers, but not one shell exploded. Never a rifle shot was fired by either side, and at 3.30 we turned in half the men to sleep, and kept half awake on sentry. But still absolutely nothing happened.

At 8 a.m. on the 27th the enemy again came over to talk. They asked me what we were up to during the night, and told me they had stood to arms all night, thinking our heavy shelling meant we were going to attack. They also said that our guns had done a lot of damage. I told them that they had only the deserter to thank for any damage done, and that we, after a sleepless night, were not too pleased with his joke either. They assured me that they had heard nothing of an attack, and still protested that there was a truce.

I admit that the whole thing beat me absolutely. In the evening we were relieved by the Grenadiers, quite openly (not crawling on all fours, as usual), and we handed on our instructions to them in case the enemy still wished to pay visits. Thus ended an astounding experience, which, if I had seen it in the cinema, I should have sworn was faked.

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CHRISTMAS means greeting cards—and for some of us, so does New Year's. I personally am in favour of both—because it's fun to create unusual cards, and two occasions offer twice as many opportunities as one. Naturally, my cards are made with the camera—for there's nothing more personal than a good photographic greeting. In recent years, I have always tried to get the greeting right in the picture, along with some member of the family—or all of us. There are many novel methods of doing this, and most of them are quite easy. For example, once we carefully stamped out the letters "Merry Christmas" in the new fallen snow on the lawn. It was a sunny day, and late in the afternoon when the sun was low the letters showed up quite well. Because of the shadows, in them. We shot the picture, with the family and the house in the background—and there was our card. Another time, we had a snow man in front of the house, holding a placard. He was striking in favour of merrier Christmas for everybody, and snow the year 'round. Once back when Ann was a baby, we took her alphabet blocks and

built a greeting with them. She appeared in the picture, of course, holding a block in her hand. Everybody liked that card so well we repeated it the next year, with variations. We took three pictures—each with an alphabet block message—saying "Merry Christmas," "From Ann," and "And The Family." These were printed on special thin photographic paper, to make a double fold or "French fold" type of card. Any photographer can show you the right kind of paper, and how the card is planned. Then one year we pictured Jack as a sandwich man, advertising merrier Christmas. We have also made newspaper paste-ups with big headlines for the greeting—very effective in an over-the-shoulder shot. A friend of ours has used that same idea for his New Year's cards this time; they're already made, and, ready to mail when the time comes. Among these ideas, you'll doubtless find a thought for your own photographic card this year. I'll offer just one suggestion. Keep the card simple, and do it early. Christmas has a way of slipping up on us—and you don't want your greetings to get stuck in the holiday rush. JOHN VAN GUILDER.

Curious, Isn't It?

- A pin has a head but has no hair;
- A clock has a face but no mouth there;
- Needles have eyes, but they cannot see;
- A fly has a trunk but no lock or key;
- A timepiece may lose, but cannot win;
- A cornfield dimples without a chin;
- A hill has no leg, but has a foot;
- A wine-glass a stem, but not a root;
- A watch has hands, but no thumb or finger;
- A boot has a tongue, but is no singer;
- Rivers run though they have no feet;
- A saw has teeth, but it does not cut;
- Ash-trees have keys, yet never a lock;
- And baby crows without being a cock.

TELEGRAPH QUIZ

1. These words—cab, pram, spats, Consols—are short for—
2. The granite city is (a) Edinburgh (b) Aberdeen (c) New York (d) Johannesburg.
3. What are the five main branches of the Government in Nationalist China, and who are the chief executive officers at the head of each?
4. Who was Great Britain's first Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs?
5. Cheng Mao-chin wrote the music for the "Song of the Kuomintang," now played as the Chinese National Anthem; where did the words come from?
6. Who was President of the United States when that nation entered the war against Germany in 1917?
7. How many Psalms and Proverbs are there in the Bible?
8. Of the last four Popes, three have been named Pius; what was the name of the other?
9. The aborigine is (a) a bird (b) native of a part of Scotland (c) grapo (d) Welsh river (e) flowering shrub.
10. A gannet is (a) part of a boat (b) tent (c) vegetable (d) fish.

Answers are on Page 16



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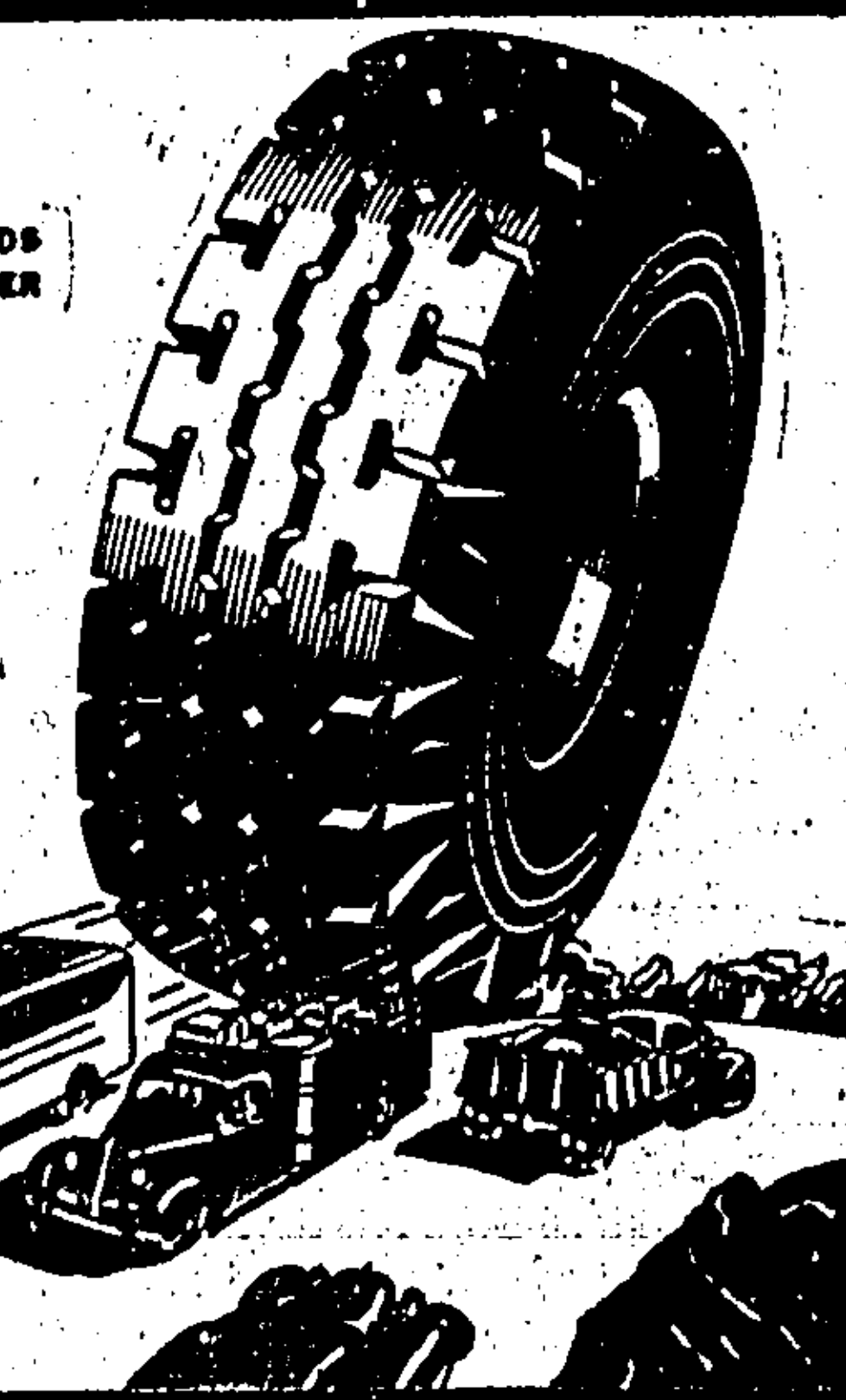
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Between the Nativities and the Charles Dickens cycle the English stage, ruling out pantomime, has been barren of real Christmas plays. Father Andrew's Nativity play, "The Hope of the World," and Dickens' Christmas story, "The Cricket on the Hearth" may be taken as examples of the two epochs.

The Church was the cradle of drama, and the first plays were liturgical, dealing mainly with Old Testament history and the legends of the Saints, and mysteries with gospel events only. Whether the latter were evolved from Christmas or Eastern observances is a debatable point, and it is difficult to assign any dates to the earlier English ones. The first Passion play in France, the history of Jesus Christ from the Nativity to the Crucifixion, was given in dumb show in the year 1513. The suppression in the Monasteries practically dealt them a death blow, though the Coventry plays were given as late as 1580.

The Coventry "Nativity Play, of the Company of Shearmen and Tailors," may be taken as a typical mystery, "a startlingly realistic treatment joined to an emotional lyricism of the simplest charm," according to Ernest Rhys.

Particularly noticeable for this are the pastoral scenes and the Adoration of the Shepherds, with their simple gifts—one his pipe, the second his hat, and the third his mitten.

In the secular drama, the first Christmas play of which we have any record is "Christmas Comes But Once a Year," in which Webster, Dekker, Heywood and Chettle all had a hand. It was acted in 1602, but never printed.

On Twelfth Night, old Christmas Day, 1616, Ben Jonson presented at Court his "Christmas, his Masque," which might be called the forerunner of the introduction of many a Christmas pantomime of the present day. It opens with the entrance of Christmas, "attired in round

CHRISTMAS in the ENGLISH DRAMA

hose, long stockings, a close doublet, a high-crowned hat, with a brooch, a long thin beard, a truncheon, little ruffs, white shoes, his scarves, and garters, tied cross, and his drum beaten before him."

Introducing himself as Gregory Christmas, he calls in his ten children: Mistrule, Carol, Mince-Pie, Gambol, Post and Pair, New Year's Gift, Mummery, Wassel, Offering and Baby-Cake, who dance on led in a string by Cupid. By their evolutions they illustrate a ballad sung by him, beginning:

Now their interest is above to present,

With all the appurtenances,

A right Christmas, as of old it was,

To be gathered out of dances.

In 1682 was published "The Christmas Ordinary," by W.R., which was played at a gentleman's house among other revels, "wherein is expressed the jovial freedom of that festival."

"A New Dramatic Entertainment, called a Christmas Tale," founded on Fyart's "Fee Urrgle," with lyrics by David Garrick, was brought out at Drury Lane on December 23, 1773. The prologue was spoken by John Palmer, in the character of Christmas, which was the only seasonable thing about it.

It was not well received, being, according to Genest, but worthy of "the indignation of all but barren spectators," and its fate

was summed up in the "Biographia Dramatica" as follows: "Reprobated in the newspapers (it) was at last hooted and laid aside."

From this date until Charles Dickens wrote his "Christmas Carol" in 1843—first produced on the stage of the Surrey Theatre on February 5, 1844—there is not a Yuletide drama worth recording. If Dickens did not, as has jeeringly been said, invent Christmas, he "undoubtedly," writes Edwin Pugh, "did a great deal to revive the vogue of those humane and kind sentiments with which that season is still fondly associated."

The ragged girl whom Theodore Watts-Dunton heard say in Drury Lane, on June 9, 1870, "Dickens dead? Then will Father Christmas die, too?" no doubt expressed the feelings of many thousands who fondly associated his name with that season. The remark inspired the sonnet, "Dickens returns on Christmas Day."

"A Christmas Carol" was followed by "The Chimes" (1844), "The Cricket on the Hearth" (1845), "The Battle of Life" (1846) and "The Haunted Man" (1848). Their production on the stage quickly followed publication, but "The Cricket on the Hearth" was actually played at the Lyceum Theatre on the evening of the morning the book was published, December 20, 1845. This adaptation was made by

Albert Smith, at the request of Dickens, for Mr and Mrs Keelley, who were then generally acknowledged to be the greatest and best impersonators of his characters.

They gave delightful and well-admired performances of Caleb Plummer and Dot. So great was the success that before the end of January, 1846, versions were played at most of the London theatres.

A burlesque on these adaptations by E. L. Blanchard, entitled "The Cricket on Our Own Hearth," was produced at the Olympic Theatre on January 15, 1846, which the adapter himself admitted was a failure.

Although many of these dramatizations stuck very closely to the original text, more especially Albert Smith's, there was still something lacking, which Dion Boucicault supplied in his "Dot: A Fairy Tale of Home," first played at the Adelphi Theatre on April 14, 1862, with J. L. Toole as Caleb Plummer and Miss Louise Keelley as Dot.

Toole approached the part of Caleb with much misgiving, as also did Joseph Jefferson in the same version played in New York—yet both gave memorable and finished performances.

Toole again played the part when it was revived at the Gaiety Theatre as "The Christmas Story" in December 1870. He had Caleb Plummer in his repertory when he became his own manager, and in addition he appeared in versions of all Dickens' five important Christmas tales—as Bob Cratchit, Trotty Veck, Ben Britain and Tetterby.

A rewritten version of "Dot: A Fairy Tale of Home, in a War-bled and Three Chirps," was produced at the Garrick Theatre on December 1, 1903, with Arthur Bourchier as Caleb Plummer, and an adaptation by W. H. C. Nation, was played for a few weeks at Terry's Theatre in 1906.

—A.C.G.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS OF THE WAR

A Look Through the Files

December 20th 1939

Captain Langsdorf of the "Graf Spee" was this morning found dead at Buenos

December 22nd

Aires: he had shot himself. His friends say that he was stricken with grief for the sinking of his ship. He carried out his instructions from Hitler, but when it was done he had no wish to live. Responsibility for his death lies at the door of the Nazi dictator.

Since the loss of the "Graf Spee," the Germans have been attacking defenceless fishing craft in the North Sea. Already, this week 35 vessels have been attacked, only three of them naval units. In one case, they not only machine-gunned a trawler's crew but attacked them again when they were getting away in a small boat, and yet again when another trawler was picking them up.

German propaganda is also sinking to still lower depths of infamy. The official News Agency in Berlin yesterday printed an alleged telegram from Montevideo which said that British sailors spat on the coffin of the dead seamen of the "Graf Spee," made cat-calls during the funeral, and threw a dead dog on the graves immediately after. These are, of course, lies. The truth is that British seamen placed a wreath on the graves and paid mainly tribute to the memory of brave seamen.

The Finns are fighting valorously and are skilfully led. In the north the Russian advance on Kemijarvi and the railway from Sweden has been repelled and the Russians driven back more than 20 miles. On the Karelian Isthmus persistent Russian attacks in strong force have been held. Air raids on Finnish towns have been resumed; Helsinki was bombed twice to-day.

December 21st

Since the war began, 870,000 tons of goods intended for Germany have been detained by the Allied Control. Germany's loss, however, is much greater than that

figure indicates, for the greater part of the imports she normally receives from overseas are not now shipped. After being hard-pressed by the Russians on the Karelian Isthmus for more than a fortnight, the Finnish forces on the Mannerheim Line are strong enough to take the initiative, and they counter-attacked today with great effect. The Russians made many thrusts north of Lake Ladoga, but all failed. In the north the frost and snow are too much for the Soviet forces, who are retreating with all possible speed.

It looks as if the Finns have got a respite which may enable aid to reach them in time for effective use. M. Daladier said in the French Chamber to-day: "We have done our duty to Finland in no half-hearted manner, and we shall continue to do it."

Air activity is now continuous in the North Sea. British patrols are reported to have bombed German warships. Enemy attempts to penetrate British coastal defences have all failed.

December 23rd

A report via New York says that the entire German fleet has left Hamburg, that part of it headed for the Baltic and the other part for the North Sea.

December 24th

This was the quietest Sunday for many weeks—no important war news from any quarter.

December 25th

Much the most interesting event to-day was the King's broadcast to the people of the Empire. It is our love of peace, he said, that has given them a unity unknown in any previous war.

"We feel in our hearts that we are fighting against wickedness, and this conviction will give us strength from day to day to persevere until victory is finally assured."

He spoke of the Navy—"all the men of our Empire who go down to the sea in ships"—and of the Royal Air Force "which in co-operation

with the Navy, is our sure shield of defence."

The King had greetings also for the British Expeditionary Force, which is waiting for action.

The Royal message was heard well in all parts of the Empire and in many foreign countries.

Undismayed by frequent air raids (even on Christmas Day) the Finns are defending their homeland with a courage and a military skill that are admired everywhere.

Most important is the stubborn stand on the Karelian Isthmus where, during several weeks, the

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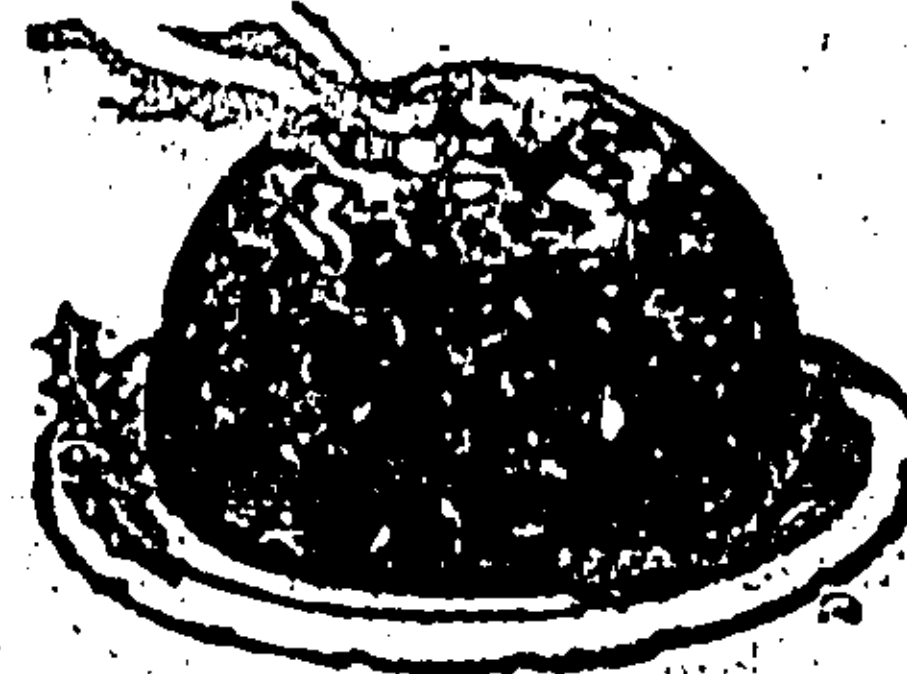
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CHARITY BAZAAR—A sale of work done by the refugee girls of the South China Industrial Centre was held recently at St John's Cathedral Hall under the auspices of the Hongkong Chinese Women's Club. The group at left shows Club officers:—Mrs. Anne Tang Chuo, Miss Wan Wai-fong, Mrs. H. Ching, Miss May Ung (back) Mrs. Violet Chan, Mrs. Y. K. Chow, Miss Lucy Liang, Mrs. M. K. Lo, Mrs. Li Shu-fan, Mrs. Kwok Lam-shueng, Mrs. Chan Fung-chau, Miss Chang Man-yee and Mrs. Pauline Yee. Below, Miss Butterfly Wu, the famous screen star, snapped at the Bazaar. (Photos: Ming Yuen and New China Newsphotos).



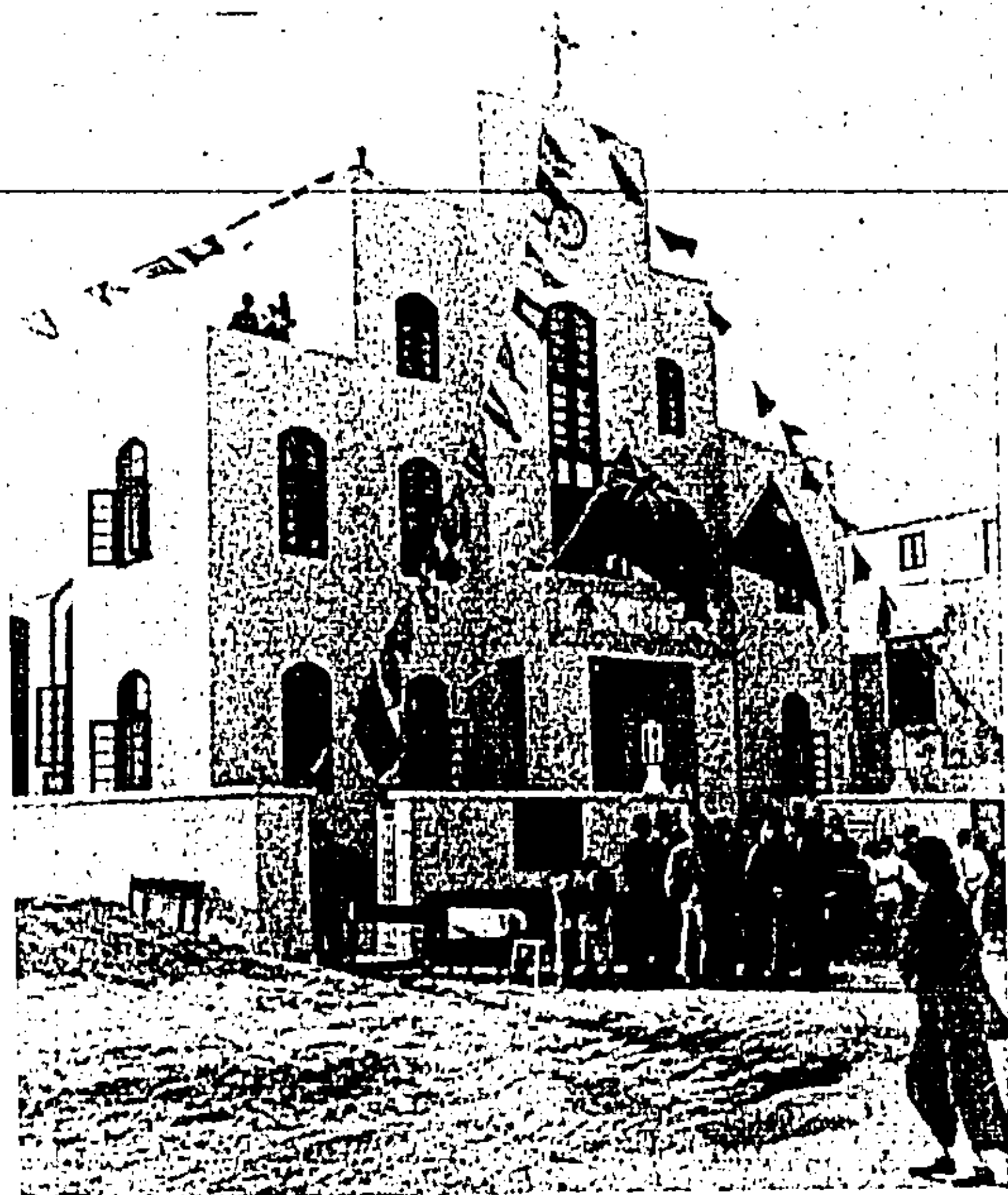
PRIZE DAY—His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut-General E. F. Norton, arriving at King's College, where he presented prizes last week. With His Excellency are Mr H. C. Wallington, the Principal, and (behind) Mr C. G. Solis, Director of Education, and Capt. S. H. Batty-Smith, A.D.C. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



CABARET DANCE—Nellie Field and Landon Burch, as they will appear in their novelty dance number at the Central British Association's cabaret dance to-night.



NEW BAPTIST CHURCH—The new Chinese Baptist Church in Stirling Road was officially opened last week by His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut-General E. F. Norton. Group photograph at right shows His Excellency with members of the Church Council and congregation. The Bishop, the Right Rev. R. O. Hall, was also present. Below is a view of the church on the opening day. (Photos: Moe Cheung).

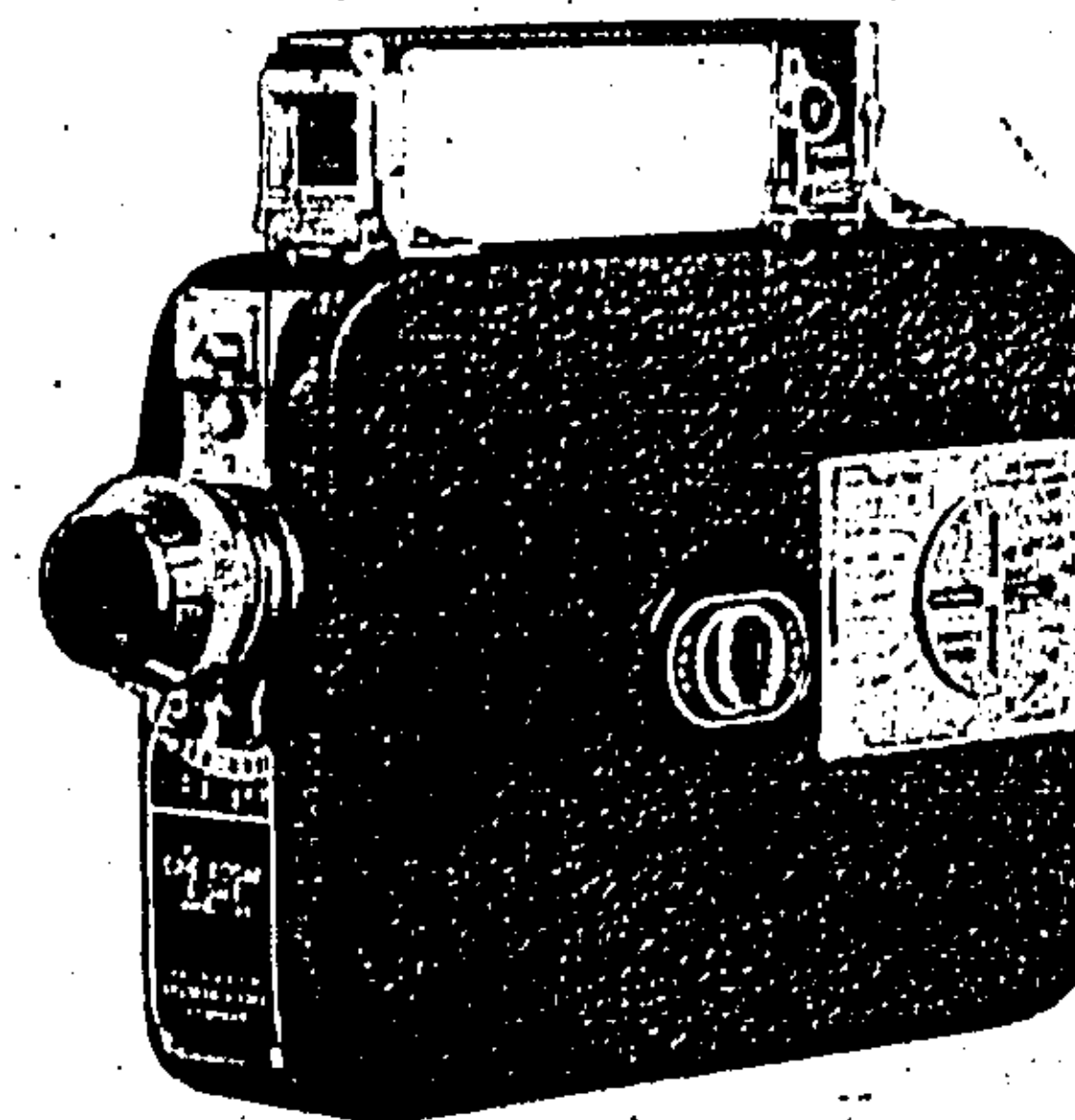


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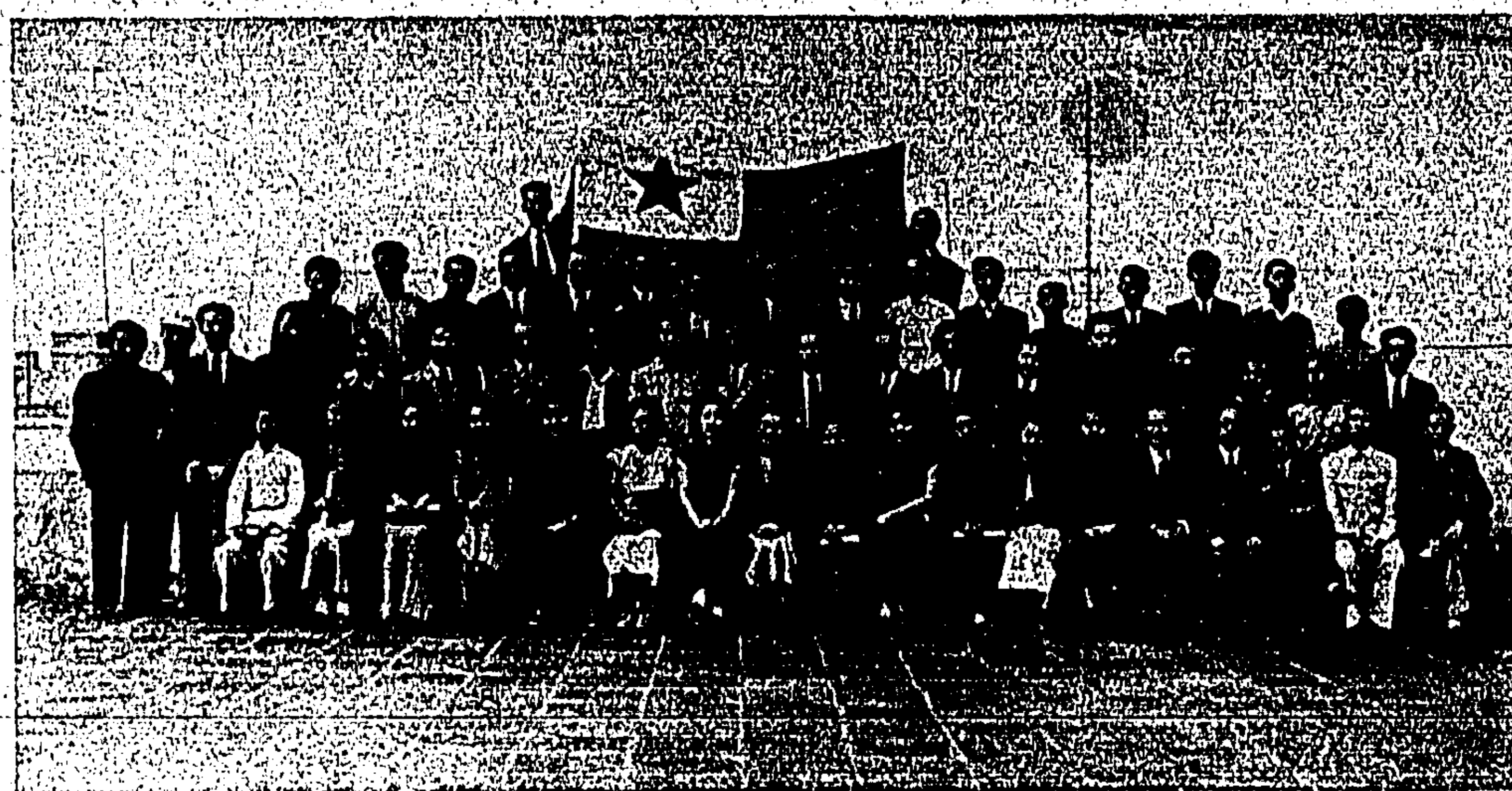
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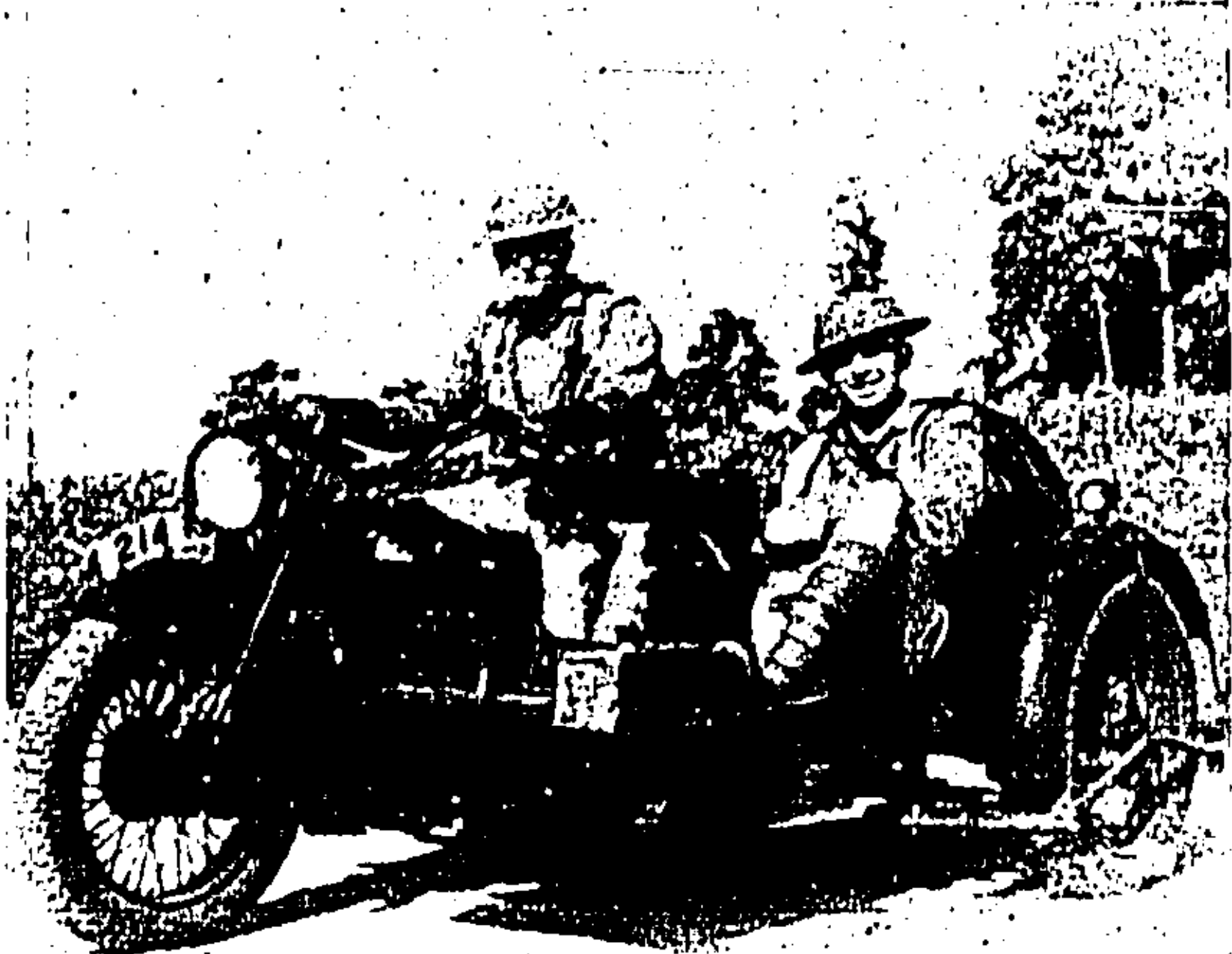
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COMMERCE STUDENTS—The staff and students of the Institute of Business Administration are seen in the photograph above. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

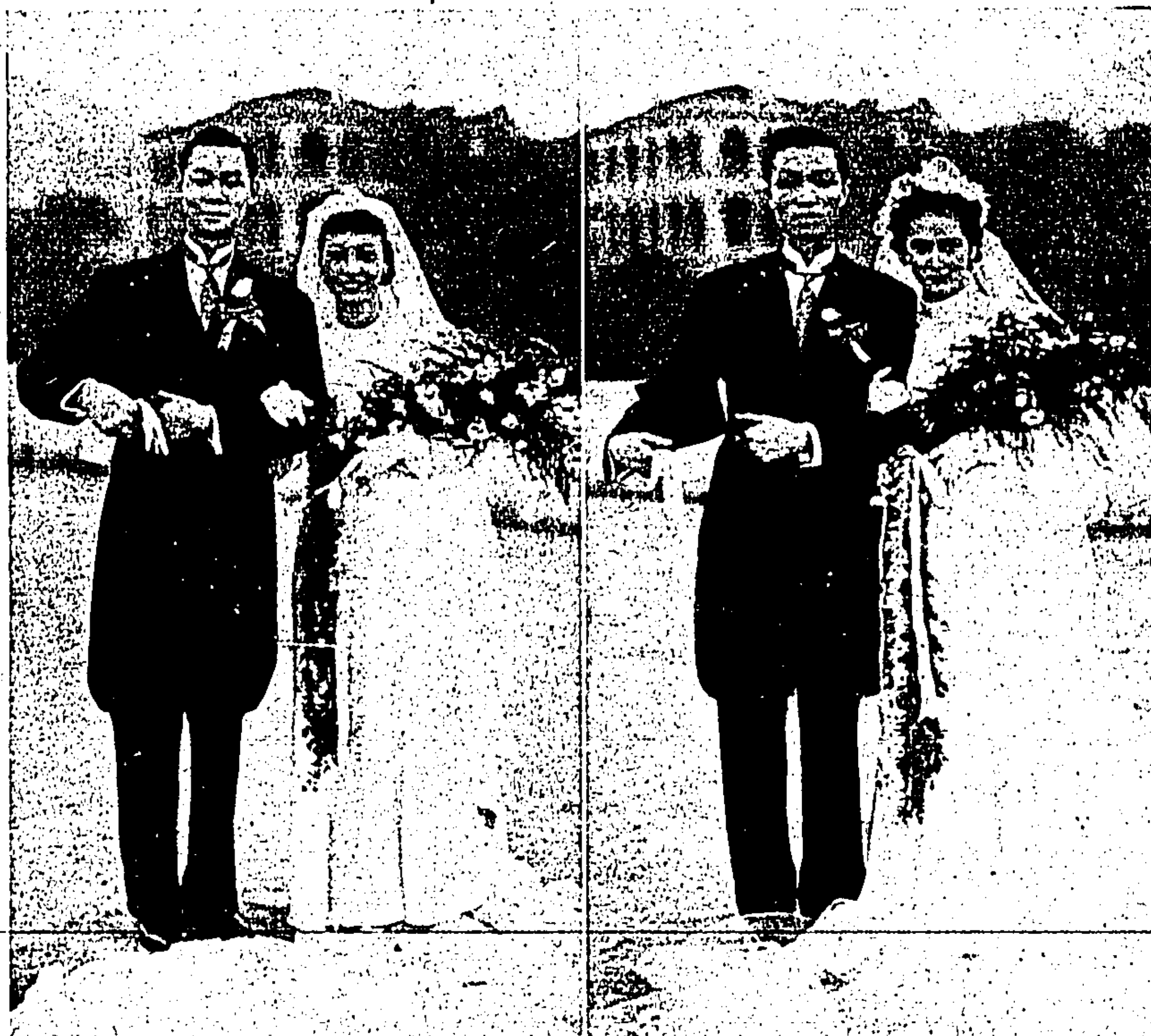


ESPERANTO ENTHUSIASTS—The anniversary of the birth of Dr. L. L. Zamenhof, inventor of Esperanto, the international language, was celebrated recently by the Hongkong Esperanto Assoc., whose members are seen above. (Photo: Wah Kiu).



MECHANISED SECTIONS of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps participating in the annual training camp. Pictures on the left show a unit of the mobile machine-gun column and a Bren gun carrier. (Photos: Ming Yuen).

BOUNNY LASS—Recent photo of Zarina Hussain, the fifteen months' old daughter of Mr. K. Hussain, Honorary Secretary of the Hongkong Hockey Umpires' Association.



DOUBLE WEDDING—Two brothers, Mr. Wong Man-han and Mr. Wong Man-piu, were recently married at the Ying King Hotel. They are seen above with their respective brides, formerly Miss Ng Shou-chong and Miss Chang Yin-nor. (Photos: Ming Yuen).



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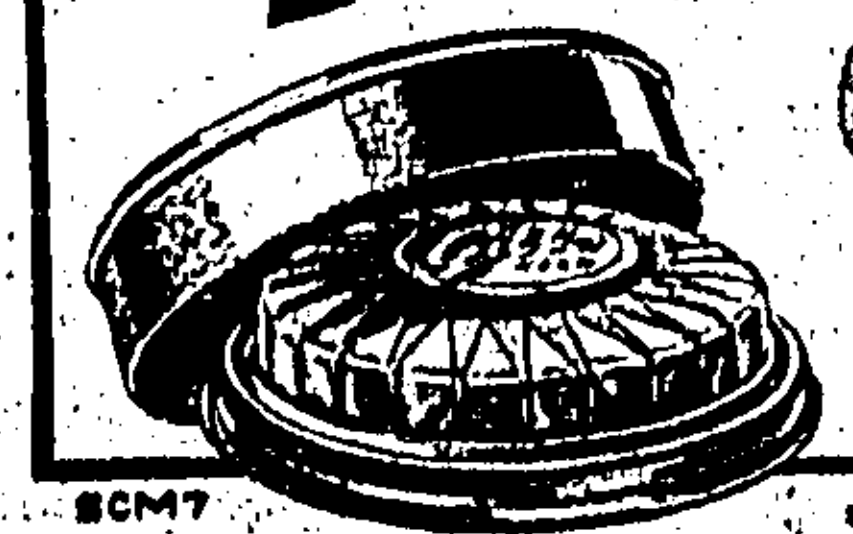
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ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH was the scene of the recent wedding of Mr. J. S. K. Loong, B.Sc. (England) and Miss Ho May-watt, who are photographed above with relatives and friends. (Photo: A Fong).

SIR LESSINGTON CROSS, HAVING SEEN THE LAST OF HIS PATIENTS THAT MORNING, turned with a smile to his visitor.

"Thank God, Standish," he remarked, "I've finished for a couple of hours at least listening to other people's neuroses. Is the car outside, Jessie?" he added, turning to his very attractive secretary.

The latter, after a quick glance at Standish, and reflecting for perhaps the hundredth time that it was a pity that such an attractive male person was already married, looked through the consulting-room window into Wimpole Street.

"Yes, Sir Lessington; Gigg has just turned up."

"Good! Come along, Tiger; let's go and feed the face."

Once the car got under way, Standish turned to the famous neurologist.

"I've had no chance yet to thank you for giving me that tip the other day," he said.

Cross affected not to understand.

"Tip?" he repeated; "what tip? I've no time to study racing form."

"Don't be an ass! I mean about Lady Malby. It was you who sent me that 'wait a minute,' he went on, 'I think I've got it in my pocket-book. Yes,' taking a piece of folded paper out of his wallet and passing it over; "that came from you, didn't it?"

The doctor's face was a study as he scanned the typewritten words.

"How did you guess?" he returned.

"How did you guess? Well, that was easy enough; you remember when we lunched at the Lotus Club the other day, you said something about wanting to tell me something

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—from "HITLER SPEAKS"
by Hermann Rauschning.



**What Particular Vice Did
The Nazi Gestapo Pin On
Sir Simkin Hoff?**



The Strange Case of

The Sheep-Faced Meteorologist

and then deciding that you couldn't only describe a startled normal person would have revolted do it? The same afternoon I got error had fallen back in his chair, at the sight, but the sailor appeared this at my house. . . well, don't evidently unconscious. The whole to accept this evidence of good-will worry, old man; things turned out thing had been so quick that it had at its surface value. So much so, all right; as a matter of fact I was all happened within a few seconds. In fact, that when the barman passed able to do the fair lady a good turn."

Cross, who, as a result of talking over a glass of the required drink, Conversation languished until Pull about Hoff, had also witnessed the Joe decided on a mixed vermouth and raised his glass before he put it to his lips.

"It is good that Italy and Britain are friends again, don't you think, sailor?" he asked.

The man in navy blue, who would have liked to have knocked the glass by the side of the door, grinned amiably "You'll be all right then."

Unlocking a door that evidently led into the living quarters over a yours; that is, in a different tone, "If you aren't going to be too fussy."

"Fussy? If you'd been where I've been for the last three months, you wouldn't be fussy, I can tell you! If they're good pals of yours, they're good pals of mine."

"That's the talk. Now come and sit down," leading the way to a sofa that ran along one side of the room by the side of the door. "Do you think you could do with another drink?"

"Do with another drink! Of course I could. Old Bill never refused a drink yet," and he laughed heartily.

When he had been supplied, the sailow-faced man took a chair near him.

"Now then, make yourself comfortable, Bill," he urged; "if you're not too tired, tell us something about your adventures. We're all good pals here, as I've told you before."

The "adventures" which this returned mariner narrated during the next quarter of an hour, the words intermingled with loud shouts of laughter as he described how "U" boat after "U" boat had been sunk, would have made the fortune of any fiction romancer; they were terrific. "And there's another thing," he said at the end. "We've five miles further than anything the Nazis have got."

"That's a lie!" came from one of the listeners, a thick-set, bull-necked, square-headed man who looked like a butcher.

The sailor climbed unsteadily to his feet.

"What's that you say, chum?"

It was the sailow-faced man who pointed to one of the listeners. "Jim was just saying that was a splendid news, Bill—what else do you know about these gams? But you're only pulling our legs."

"What I say is gospel!" came the indignant retort; "aren't I the first gunner?"

At the words, the four men began simultaneously to get to their feet. Whilst two of them edged round to cover the door, the other two put their hands in their right-hand coat pockets. But they were too late. The sailor, recovering in what appeared to be miraculous fashion from his drunken stupor, produced from the mysterious inner recess of

"Certainly not! It would be a shame!" was the rejoinder.



AS THE STILL-INTOXICATED

SAILOR got out of the taxi which had pulled up about midway along the Hampstead Road, he took off his cap and waved it high in the air. His good Samaritan misconstructed the gesture.

"All right, Bill," he said soothingly, "you'll soon be able to lie down."

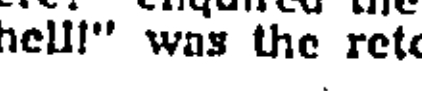
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A Tiger Standish Story
By
Sidney Horler

self staring into the hostile eyes of secret of great import, and as though the waiter who had handed the entirely disregarding the fact that for the squalid bar was half-filled with the curious loungers, the sailor bent over the bar.

"Excuse me, sir, but are you a member here?" enquired the waiter. "Go to hell!" was the retort.



SPENT STREET, SOHO, is never a salubrious thoroughfare, and, in mood, but the confidence he had no doubt been anticipating was not the given. For in that moment the door opened and a sailow-faced man, shabby felt hat pulled well down over his eyes, entered. The sailor gave no indication that the critical moment in that night's entertainment had arrived; he leaned his great length against the bar and looked like an overgrown boy only intent on making a good time.

The newcomer mingled furtiveness with self-confidence—and the combination did not do his charms, chums," he said at the end. "We've five miles further than anything the Nazis have got."

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and then, with a look of what Tiger so unpleasant to look at that any zinc-covered counter.



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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR ARE HERE AGAIN—AND SINCE IN THIS TRADITIONAL SEASON OF JOY we are fortunate enough to be spared the sufferings which war has brought to many parts of the world, and can look forward to an enjoyable holiday, let us turn to the cinema, which forms the backbone of our entertainment in Hongkong, and see what there is in store for us.

A VERY APPROPRIATE AND SEASONABLE RELEASE is the showing of **"THE BLUE BIRD"**, Shirley Temple's new picture, which opens at the King's Theatre on Christmas Day. This is an excellent adaptation of the famous play by Maurice Maeterlinck, which has delighted both young and old for nearly half a century. Except for the short introduction, which is done in colour, the film is in beautiful technicolour and presents many spectacular and memorable scenes.

The story is a symbolical fantasy, and the lesson is that the quest of happiness is always vain to those who cannot find it in their own souls. Myrtle (Shirley Temple), a dissatisfied young girl, who is sent by a fairy to find the Blue Bird, and her search brings her through the realms of the Past, "Luxury" and Future, until she finds happiness in her own humble home with her parents. "We went so far, and it was here all the time," said Myrtle.



previewing the films

Shirley, grown up quite a lot and a bit thinner, has here forsaken her usual role as a sweet child; and although the part is quite out of her repertoire, she handles it well and proves her versatility.

Tylo, the dog, is played by Eddie Collins, and Tylette, the cat, by Gale Sondergaard. The former gives a very sympathetic interpretation, whilst Miss Sondergaard's portrayal would put a real cat to shame.

The fairy, Berylune, is played by Jessie Ralph, and Nigel Bruce and Laura Hope Crews are Mr and Mrs Luxury. Sybil Jason, the little South African actress who passed through Hongkong last week, gives a pathetic rendition of a sick girl.

Children of any age will thoroughly enjoy "The Blue Bird."

"LUCKY PARTNERS," starring Ginger Rogers and Ronald Colman, is the Christmas attraction at the Queen's and Alhambra.

The two stars form a very interesting combination, providing some of the very best acting that has been seen for a long time. In this rather Puckish story of a man and a girl going on a trip together and having to register themselves at the hotel as brother and sister. Neither of them means any harm, but the sinful world thinks differently—that is the plot, which is developed in a charming, witty manner.

The plot, it is obvious, might have been handled in either of two ways—at breakneck speed, so as to produce long, loud laughter, or subtly and leisurely, to cause continuous giggles and a warm, pleasant feeling. The director, Lewis Milestone, has not done badly in choosing the latter method. Milestone is best known

for heavy dramas, such as "All Quiet on the Western Front" and "Of Mice and Men," but cinema-goers who remember that excellent comedy of the silent era, "One Arabian Knight," will recall his gifts for making lighter pictures.

The film is said to be based on Sacha Guitry's play, "Good Luck," but only the opening is retained. The rest is Hollywood—and a bit of the best that the film city has to offer.

FOR NEW YEAR, the King's is putting on Deanna Durbin's eighth singing film, **"SPRING PARADE,"** in which the 18-year-old star is cast as a Hungarian peasant Cinderella. The story is a re-make of a picture which Deanna's Svengali, Joseph Pasternak, produced in Budapest in 1934. The plot is somewhat trite, but the film is saved by the personality, the acting and the singing of the star, as well as by good performances by supporting players.

Tunes are liberally sprinkled throughout, and Deanna sings with customary enthusiasm and vocal excellence. A particularly springy number is "It's Foolish But It's Fun."

S. Z. Sakall commands attention with his important contribution as the portly baker, whilst Mischka Auer provides excellent comedy in the earlier scenes.

As is usual with Deanna Durbin pictures, this one is well photographed and recorded, and dressed and mounted with great care.

THE PLOT OF **"BROADWAY MELODY OF 1940,"** which comes to the Queen's and Alhambra on New Year, is likewise rather thin, but Fred Astaire, Eleanor Powell, George Murphy and Frank Morgan triumph over it; and the result is an enjoyable musical, with plenty of tunes, good dancing and carefree comedy.

The film, which concerns a dancer, swollen-headed from excess, being helped by his former partner to regain his balance, possesses some of the best tap dance numbers ever presented on the screen.

Fred Astaire is very good as the level-headed part of the team, and George Murphy is equally effective as the partner who, in the end, does a David Garrick act so that his friend can get to the top. The Astaire-Powell combination is a happy one, and Fred should regain his old fans and make many new ones as a consequence.

SO MUCH FOR THE FILMS which you are going to see within the next fortnight—they seem to meet every taste and will, I am sure, help to brighten your holidays—and now to see what the theatres will have to offer between then and Chinese New Year, or thereabouts.

The most important forthcoming cinema event is undoubtedly the showing of Charlie Chaplin's new film, **"THE GREAT DICTATOR."**—It was thought at first that it might be possible to screen this picture at Christmas, but delay in the arrival of the film has caused a postponement. It is hoped that wartime disorganization of shipping movements will not interfere with the new tentative date set for the picture's release here, that is around Chinese New Year.

Not having seen it, I am unable to pass my opinion, but the leading reviewers in New York and London are agreed that it is as good, if not better, than anything Chaplin has ever done. The premiere in New York was the greatest that America has ever seen—greater even than "Gone With the Wind." Those who had not been able to get tickets paid £40 apiece for standing room, said one report.

ANOTHER NOTABLE FILM which is due in Hongkong next month is the "March of Time" full-length feature entitled, **"The Ramparts We Watch."** This is an utterly new type of moving picture, inspired by the increasingly ominous trend of world events, and it seeks to recreate for the civilized world the great crisis that faced nations only a generation ago and to examine certain inexorable forces that are today threatening to plunge the whole world into total disaster.

The film has been acclaimed everywhere it has been shown, and RKO-Radio Pictures, the distributors, think that it is one which every man, woman and child should see.

BESIDES THESE TWO, there are a number of first-class pictures due for release here in the near future, according to the lists supplied to me by the representatives of the various film companies. The are, listed by Studios:—

COLUMBIA
The Howards of Virginia. From "The Tree of Liberty" by Elizabeth Fuge. Concerns a pioneer American family at the time of George Washington.



NORTH-WEST MOUNTED POLICE



LUCKY PARTNERS

With Cary Grant, Martha Scott, Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Richard Carlson.

The Lady in Question. A romantic comedy, with Rita Hayworth, Brian Aherne and Irene Rich.

He Stayed for Breakfast. A gay, frothy comedy, with Lucille Young and Melvyn Douglas.

I Married an Adventurer. Filmed by Mrs. Martin Johnson, widow of the great explorer, recording the sights and sounds of jungle and desert.

Northwest Passage. Concerns the French and Indian wars in America in 1759. With Spencer Tracy, Robert Young, Walter Brennan. In technicolour.

Waterloo Bridge. The famous story of a soldier on leave befriending an unhappy girl. With Vivien Leigh and Robert Taylor. This picture recently broke all attendance records in Shanghai.

PARAMOUNT
Northwest Mounted Police. Technicolour film of the famous Canadian force. With Gary Cooper, Paulette Goddard and Robert Preston.

Safari. Romantic story of love and intrigue in Africa. With Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Madeleine Carroll, Moon Over Burma. Dorothy Lamour is the central figure in this, which has an exotic setting.

Mystery Sea Raider. Maritime melodrama. Concerns a German sea raider being brought to book by British naval forces. Recalls the Graf Spee and Albatross cases. With Henry Wilcoxon, Carole Landis.

RKO-RADIO
Tom Brown's Schooldays. The famous Thomas Hughes novel of Rugby public school, very well done. This was shown at a preview recently, and I must say it is an excellent film. Jimmie Lyon gives a great performance as Tom. The cast includes Freddie Bartholomew, Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Billy Halop (of "Dead End" fame) and Polly Moran.

Dance Girl Dance. Story of struggling dancing girls. With Maureen O'Hara, Lucille Ball and Louis Hayward.

20th CENTURY-FOX
Johnny Apollo. Story of father-and-son love set against a background of crime and crookedness. With Tyrone Power, Dorothy Lamour, Edward Arnold.

Cisco Kid and the Lady. Another adventure with O'Henry's popular Mexican character. With Cesar Romero, Marjorie Weaver and Virginia Field.

UNITED ARTISTS
The Thief of Baghdad. Lavish new technicolour version of the famous Douglas Fairbanks film. With Sabu, Conrad Veidt and June Duprez. Produced by Alexander Korda.

Rebecca. Daphne du Maurier's famous novel. With Laurence Olivier and Joan Fontaine. Directed by Alfred Hitchcock.

Passion Hall. A British film about life in Nazi Germany. With Wilfred Lawson, Nova Philbeam, Sir Seymour Hicks.

Saps at Sea. Laurel and Hardy take to the salty sea. Said to be one of the best these two comedians have ever done.

UNIVERSAL
If I Had My Way. Bing Crosby and little Gloria Jean in a sentimental comedy with song and music.

WARNER BROTHERS
The Sea Hawk. Historical, costume picture of Elizabeth's England, and naval battles. With Errol Flynn, Claude Rains, Flora Robson and Brenda Marshall.

Invisible Stripes. Concerns the tribulations of an ex-convict. With George Raft, Humphrey Bogart, Flora Robson, Jane Bryan.

Of course, these are not all the pictures that you will see in the next month or so, but they give you a pretty good idea as to what to expect. It seems that Hongkong film-goers have some good entertainment in store for them in the New Year.

—A. C. G.

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PARTY FUN FOR GROWN-UPS

HAVE you ever considered the psychological effect of a paper hat?

It is really extraordinary, and the donning of a fancy hat, combined, of course, with the feeling of good fellowship which prevails at party-time, is very largely responsible for the gaiety of Christmas entertaining!

Just try it and see. Issue paper hats to every guest as he or she enters the front door, and in less time than it would take a chip of ice to dissolve you will find the guests laughing and chattering happily.

Instead of leaving guests to form little groups as they arrive, introduce them and let them mingle freely with one

another until all have arrived and the party proper can be well and truly started.

Plan in Advance

The good hostess will have planned her games and forms of entertainments well beforehand, so that there are no awkward gaps to be bridged, and the feeling "what are we to do next?" is never experienced from start to finish.

A start-off game which can be guaranteed successful is "Addresses." Get together a fairly large collection of correspondence cards, and write fictitious and humorous names and addresses on a couple of dozen or so, and conceal them about the house. You will want at least a dozen duplicates of each card, and these you will place on a tray in the entrance hall.

When most of the guests have arrived, give each a number and give them one of the duplicate cards with this number marked on one corner. Then tell them that they must find

its twin, post their own card beside it and come back for another. At the end of the evening award a little gift as prize to the guest who has correctly "posted" the largest number of cards.

In the Dark

Grown-ups have a childish love of games in the dark, when played at Christmas time at any rate, and those with an appreciation of the theatrical and foolish will particularly appreciate "Noises off."

Arrange the players in a semi-circle, facing the door, turn out the lights (the glimmer from the fire will provide all the illumination necessary) and then make a series of about ten noises outside the door. Characteristic noises known to all, of course, such as a dog barking, baby crying, cork popping, alarm clock repeating, cock crowing, and so on. You will be able to think of plenty of others.

Supply each player with a pencil and scrap of paper, and tell them beforehand that they have to identify and memorise the noises and write them down when the lights are switched on. A small prize is awarded to the person with the longest and most correct list.

A Novel Touch

To provide a novelty touch to your party, you could word your invitations to make it a "dollar party." Not meaning, naturally, that your guests should appear in costumes that have cost

a dollar only (if indeed it could be done) but that each one should be wearing something that had cost not more than a dollar.

An "Inspection Interval" can be arranged when each guest is told to make out a list of the wearers and the articles identified. Read out the correct list and present a prize to the most accurate guesser.

"Scents" is a game that you can enjoy. Fill some muslin bags with household commodities in frequent use, such as coffee, orange and lemon peel, nutmeg, cinnamon, and gorgonzola cheese (but no pepper or onions for you don't want to start a sneezing or weeping epidemic.) Then get each guest the task of identifying the contents of the various bags.

For Supper Time

A variation of this game could be played at supper time. Lead the guests into a dark room, hand each a plate on which there is an assortment of things to eat, and ask them to write down, when the lights are turned on, what they have eaten in the dark!

And, don't forget to provide card tables for the more serious-minded among your guests. Seclude them as far as possible, so that the more boisterous spirits do not interfere with concentration!

For those who are fond of card games which are not too serious or brain-searching Newmarket, or even "Animal Snap" are intriguing, and a cheery card game in which all can join is a fitting end to a party which, concluded with "night cap" refreshments will send all on their way happily rejoicing!

THE FLOWING BOWL

Wine Suggestions for the Host

WITH the approach of Christmas and New Year the housewife is busily engaged stocking her larder. The man of the house, however, has also an important job on hand—apart from paying the bills!—and that is the task of seeing that the cellar is not empty.

The question of wine is a worrying one to every host and hostess, for what is one man's drink is very often another man's poison. There are, however, a few simple lines to follow which will save a lot of trouble. If the meal is a small and simple one, the wines should be in accordance with it. Supposing, for instance, that the guests had enjoyed a glass of sherry before dinner—the wine of troubled Spain is more popular than ever and is very much more fashionable than cocktails, though, of course, it is a matter of personal taste—the host who provides them with a good hock or a mellow burgundy as the sole drink during the meal need have no misgivings.

Hock nowadays is in great demand at dinner parties, and there certainly is a lot to be said for the merits of some of the well-known Rhineland vintages. They are light and pleasant and comparatively inexpensive.

Popular Burgundy

To the bold palate which discards hock as "thin," the full-bodied nature of a true burgundy makes an appeal. This wine, with sunshine captive in its rosy depths, is obtainable in many vintages and many qualities, but those who pay a fair price need not be afraid of their purchase. Burgundy, it should be noted, is at its best with the chill taken off before serving.

The following hints may be of help to hosts and hostesses:—

Never serve whisky with food. It is done occasionally, but from the health stand-point alone it is a bad practice. If you feel that your guest will only rise to whisky and beer, serve beer with the meal by all manner of means. There is many a gourmet who enjoys a stoup of ale, and a glass of lager is much kinder to the palate than indifferent wine. See that your glassware does justice to your wine.

When a wine demands ice, be sure that you make arrangements to have the ice, a commodity not difficult to obtain in these modern times.

Make sure your wine is delivered to you several days before it is required, and handle it carefully before serving.

A Wine Chart

The following chart indicating foods and their appropriate wines may prove useful:—

Caviare or hors d'œuvres—Vodka
Oysters—Chablis, dry champagne
dry Graves, Moselle, stout.
Soup—Dry pale sherry, dry Madeira.
Fish—Dry champagne, Graves, Chablis, hock, Moselle.
Entrées, roast, or bird—Claret or Burgundy.
Sweets—Sauterne or champagne.
Cheese—Burgundy, port, brown sherry.
Dessert—Old port, sweet Madeira, brown sherry.
Coffee—Liqueur.

Masefield, Walpole, Wodehouse

The Empress Theodora is the central character of Mr. John Masefield's new novel, "Basiliissa" (Heinemann, 8s.).

If we may trust Gibbon, she was a far from exemplary character who with conspicuous inconsistency devoted her later years to endowing convents. On the same groundwork of facts, Mr. Masefield produces quite a different edifice—a Theodora to whom the endowing of convents might well be a natural and proud ambition. Gibbon's irreputable dancing girl becomes in the poet Laureate's hands a girl deceived in love, a young woman of brains as well as beauty, a pupil of St. Timothy, as well as a star of the ballet.

Theodora appears as a spirited intellectual, who captivates the awkward young heir to the throne, the scene of their meeting being the fashionable ballet of the day.

The politics of the times are made to seem here to be a close parallel to those of Europe in recent years, with rival gangs of cut-throats, sporting different colours, fighting against each other.

Mr. Masefield's interpretation of an extraordinary woman is interesting, and his retelling of a fascinating slice of history is done with a sure and convincing touch.

Like Thomas Hardy, Sir Hugh Walpole has made an addition to the literary map of England, and in the Lake District signposts will be found directing the traveller to various places in the "Herries Country."

The Herries Country is to Walpole what Wessex was to

Hardy; and in his new novel, "The Bright Pavilions" (Macmillan, 10s. 6d.) he shows what it was like in the brave, beautiful, blackguardly days of good Queen Bess.

The main figures are the two brothers Herries—Nicolas, rugged, animal, loyal and conventionally Protestant, and Robin, imaginative, poetical and making his friends among the Catholics. There is a clash of love each other.

The story of Robin's love for Sylvia is told with details, amorous and cruel, and it is profoundly moving. Walpole writes lavishly and with

citizens trying to steal a picture in a country house of an American, and the fun starts from the first page.



In general, books for the young have as little individuality as factory-made clothes. They fit persons of this age or that size pretty well. Rarely there appears a book that fits snugly into your very self. One such is "Klondike Gold," by Hubert V. Corvill (Faber, 7s. 6d.).

It is meant for boys; but anyone with a zest for tales for hardihood can read it without a moment's slackening of interest. It is not only very competent story telling. It is sound, sympathetic, courageous human stuff—within the necessary limits, of course.

Douglas, who goes to the Klondike to find gold to pay for his training as a doctor, is a fine boy and he has as fine a dog as any boy ever had; a real dog, not a tragic sub-human. Even without the postscript in which Mr. Corvill gives his authorities, it is easy to believe that this is what the gold-trail was like.

A second book that satisfies, though on other grounds, is "His Little Black Walsteat" to China by Joan Kiddell-Munroe (Longmans, 6s.). This is a picture book for small children and tells how Boy and the little Giant Panda travelled on the back of a young yak from Tibet to China. They met with robbers and were parted from Yak. For a time they were in a Princess's household; but they were glad enough when Yak found them and took them home.

The pictures are beautiful—line and one-colour decoration—and the story, "Quick Service" (Herbert Jenkins, 7s. 6d.), he introduces us to a few more—impossible rich Americans, Plays for Younger Children by Enid Blyton (Newnes, 5s. each), the aristocrats and loquacious young dialogue is bright, the settings are simple, and the dresses are easily provided. Though meant for schools, the little plays would be as welcome in families whose children like to act about a number of respectable ing.

BOOKS

extraordinary narrative vitality, so that those whose tastes run to historical fiction should have their "meat and drink" in this book of more than 700 pages.

A new book by P. G. Wodehouse (who is now in Nazi hands at Le Touquet) must always be the book of the week for many thousands of readers. Few other story-tellers of our time have made so many people laugh, and Wodehouse is just as popular among intellectuals as among ordinary people.

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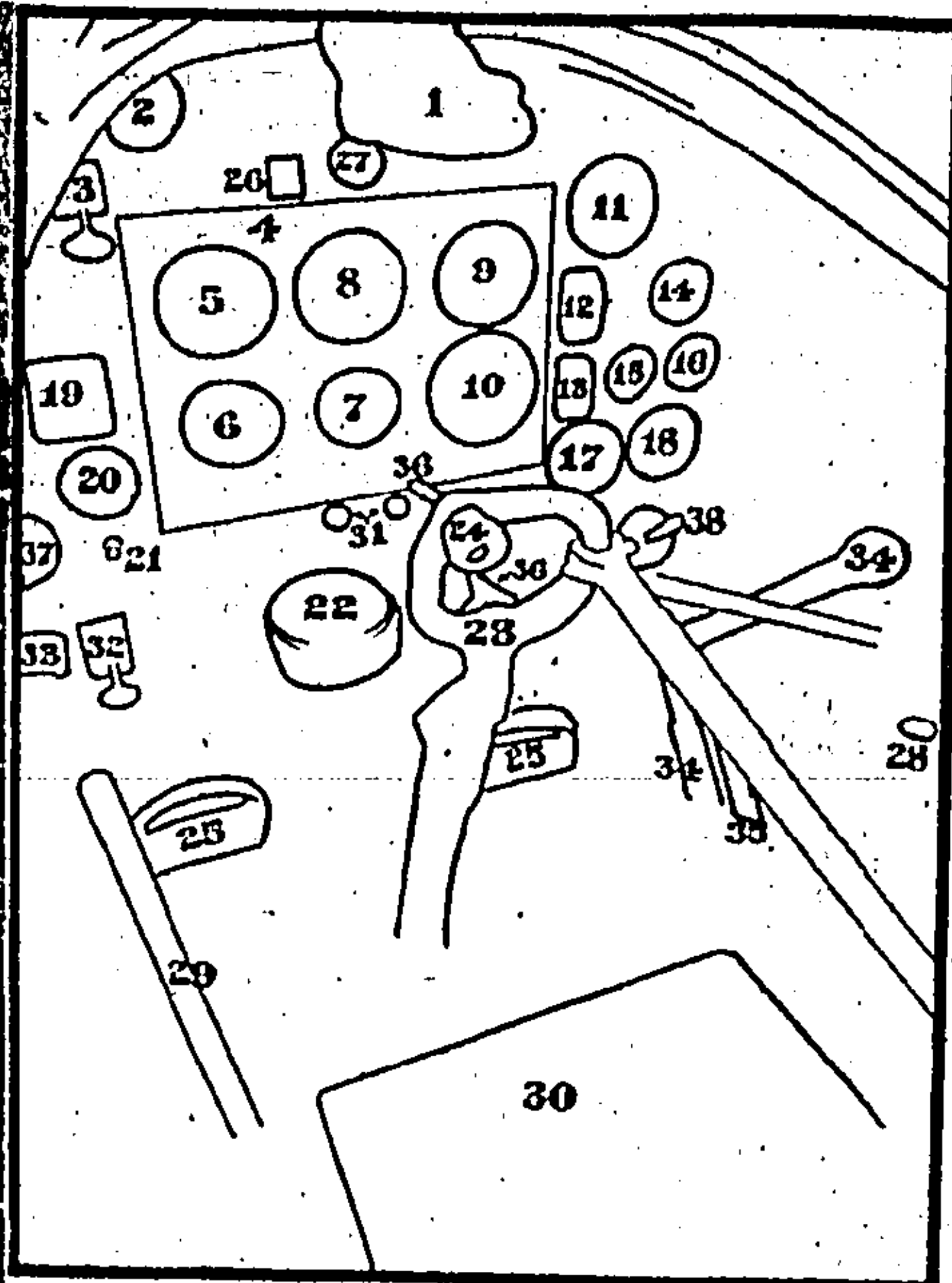
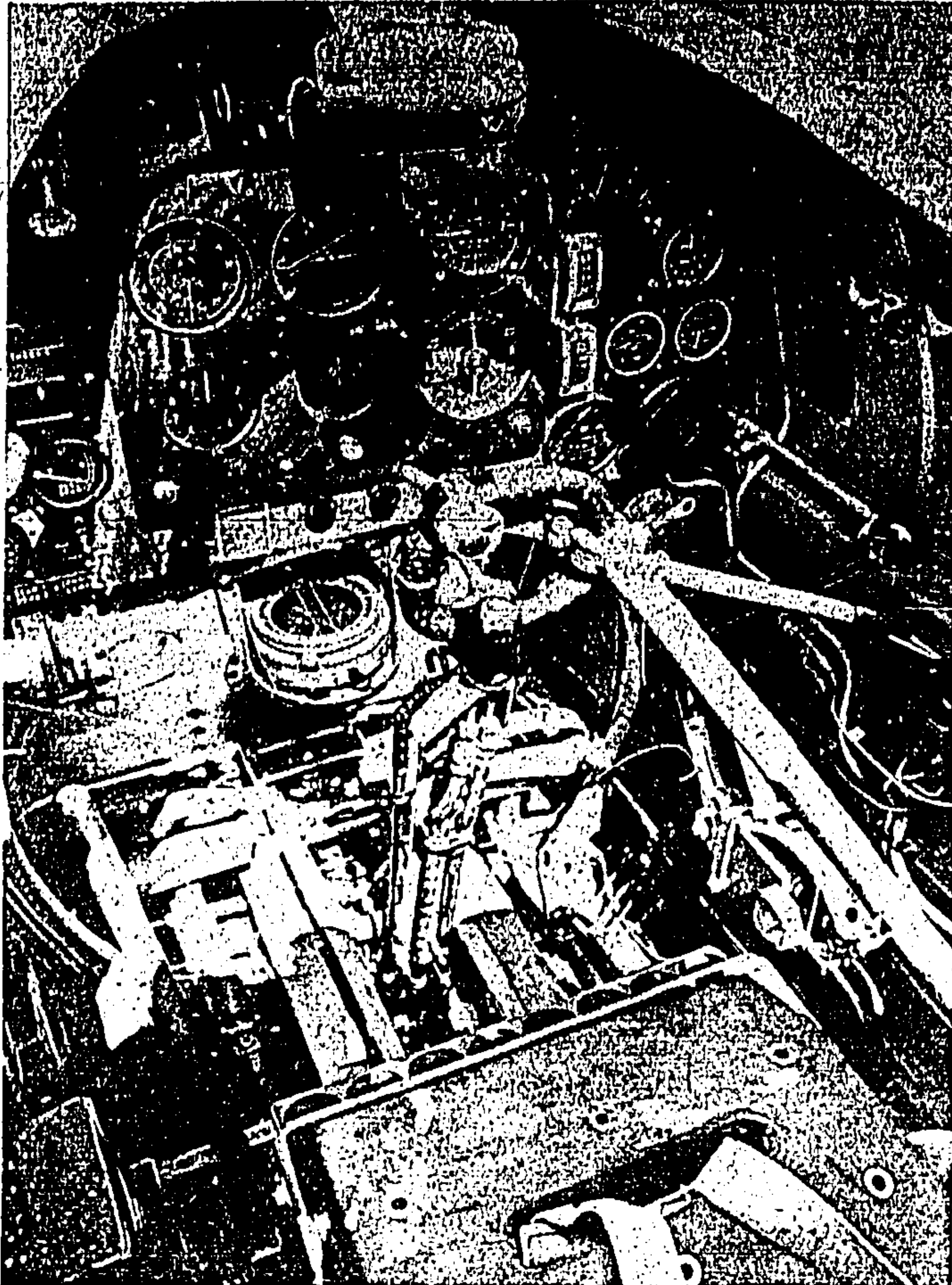
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33. Throttle.
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37. Air pressure control for pneumatic system (guns and brake).
38. Fuel cock.

GODS OF CHINA



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This is the head of the founder of Buddhism. His Indian name is Saky-muni, and he was an extremely intelligent man for his time, 557-474 B.C. He spoke and wrote all the Indian dialects, and had a good knowledge of mathematics, astronomy and the arts.

He was originally an Indian prince, renowned for his strength and skill in shooting with bow and arrow. Later in life, after dwelling on the mortality of man, he left his comfortable home, his wife and family and went into the world to lead a life of poverty and to preach goodness.

Thousands were affected by him, and, on hearing of his goodness and power, monarchs of certain kingdoms even fought one another to be the first to invite him to preach to their people.

Walter C. Clark

Many small boys who, in pre-war days, enviously counted the dials on the dash board of some racing driver's car, are now grown men seated in the cockpit of Britain's fighting aircraft with all the dials the heart could wish for under their control. To the uninitiated the instrument board of a modern operational or trainer aircraft is a formidable sight. The Miles Master advanced trainer has 43 separate instruments, the Handley Page Hampden bomber over 60 and the famous Supermarine Spitfire about 40.

Some of these are switches. Cocks, pump and lamps which do not call for continual watching. But more than 20 are dials, mostly with moving needles registering some vital operation connected with the flight of the aircraft.

The central feature of a typical instrument board is a square panel with six big dials in two rows. Top left is the air speed indicator; next the artificial horizon; next again the rate of climb indicator; below that is the turn and bank indicator; to the left is the directional gyroscope and left again the altimeter and height indicator. These are the key instruments which tell the pilot what his aircraft is doing at any moment—climbing, turning, dipping a wing, descending—and at what speed.

Friend of Wife—What are you going to give your husband for Christmas?

Wife—Depends upon how much he wants to pay for it.

"They say Maria Simpkins is married."

"Who's the happy man?"

"Her father."

He—I saw "The Sisters" of Goethe yesterday.

She—What, are they still alive?

Doctor—Deep breathing kills bacteria.

Patient—But, doctor, how can I make them breathe deeply?

Most of the cars on London streets now bear such labels as A.R.P., A.P.S., W.A.A.F., "Doctor," etc. Down Oxford Street recently came a car driven by a woman, bearing the conspicuous sign: "Just Me."

"We are have an uncorking good time!"—Christopher Morley.

Many a wife has found that hugging her husband is the best way to get around him.

Insurance claimant telling how an accident happened:—I collided with a stationary car coming in the opposite direction.

A doctor's telephone rang one night, awakening him from fitful slumber. It was one of his regular patients, a young man in a wild state of alarm. "My wife, Doctor!" he shouted. "It's her appendix. You'd better come around quick!"

The doctor sighed and told the young man to go back to bed. "Give her some bicarbonate or ginger ale, and I'll look in to-morrow," he said. "She hasn't got appendicitis."

The husband became even wilder, insisting that she did too have appendicitis. "Well, she can't have!" the doctor shouted. "I took her appendix out three years ago, and I never heard of anyone having two appendices."

"Ever hear of anybody having two wives?" the young man asked bitterly.

The doctor went around right away and it was a good thing he did, because the second wife did have appendicitis.—The New Yorker.

WISE AND OTHERWISE

When a mother at the North Dakota State Relief Headquarters was chided for not sending her son to school, she said:—"It's a dirty lie! He's not illiterate. I married his father a week before he was born."

From a police report:—Chan was hit yesterday by a car, and speaks broken English.

A relief worker describes a case:—Mrs. . . . has had no clothes for a year but has been regularly visited by the vicar.

Mrs. A.—While I was going down town on the tram this morning, the conductor came along and looked at me as if I hadn't paid my fare.

Mr. A.—Well, what did you do?

Mrs. A.—I looked at him as if I had.

Judge—Does the accused have anything to say for himself before sentence is passed?

Bored prisoner—I only ask that the time my lawyer used for summing up my case be subtracted from my sentence.

The Major was inspecting a cavalry squadron somewhere in England.

Riding down the ranks he stopped in front of a new recruit, and said: "Now, my lad, have that saddle and harness brighter in the morning."

Turning to the sergeant-major, he said: "See to it, sergeant-major."

The next morning the saddle and harness were still dull.

"I thought I told you to clean them for to-day!" roared the Major.

"No, Sir," answered the rookie. "You told the sergeant-major to see to it."

"I beg your pardon, ma'am," said the newly-arrived Irish maid to the officer's wife. "but is it colonel or major I should be calling the captain?"

Rifle Instructor—Do you know where you are aiming at? Recruit—No, sir, I'm a stranger in this district.

The first scratch on the toe of a new shoe or the paint of a new car is always the biggest, no matter how small.

And then there was the shopgirl who said, every time her boy friend kissed her, "Will that be all, sir?"

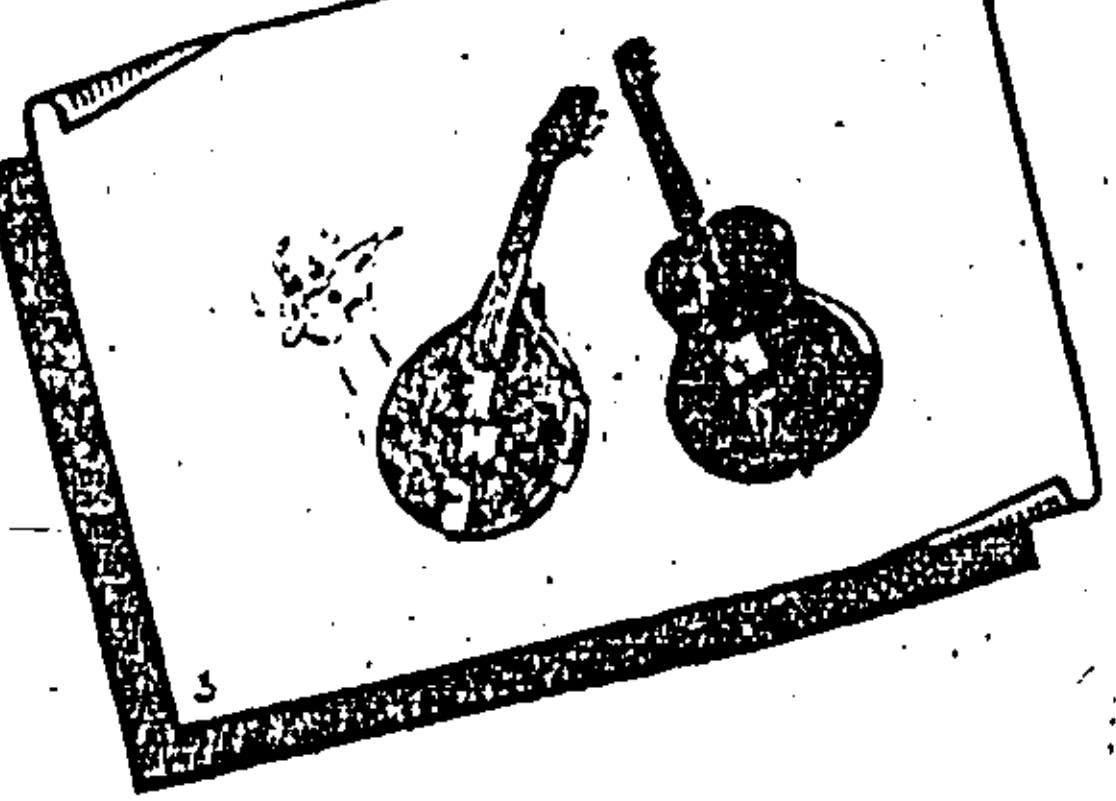
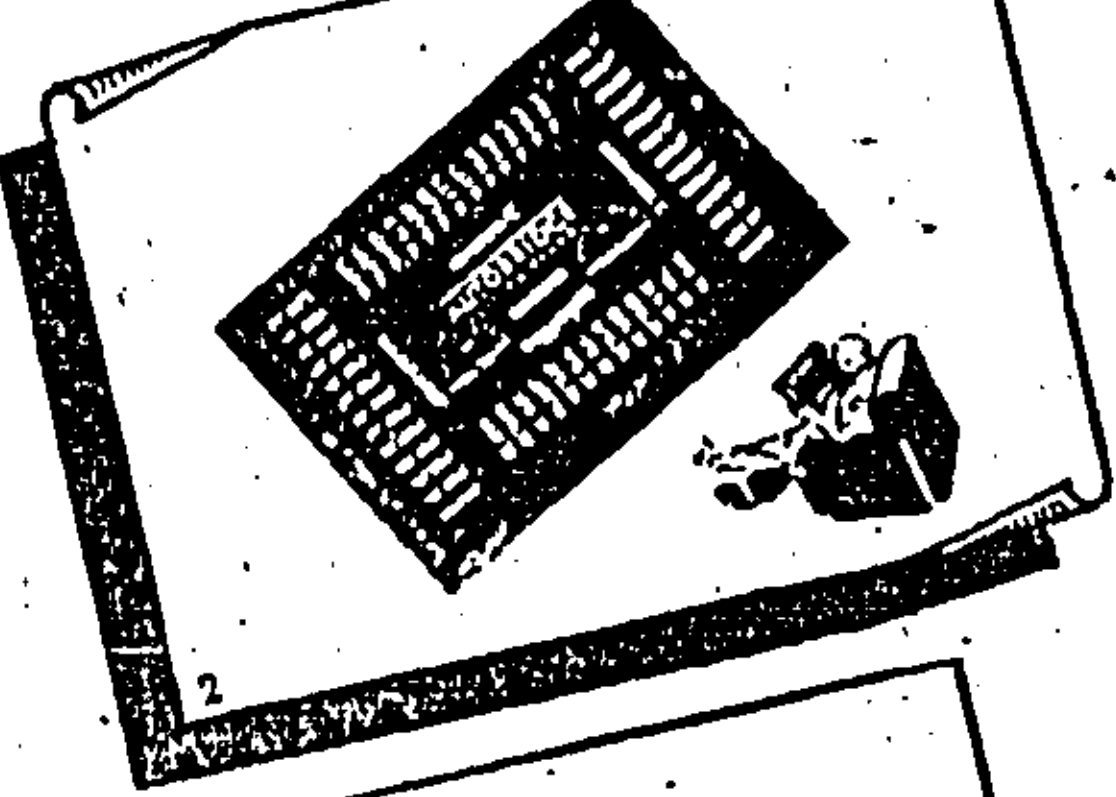
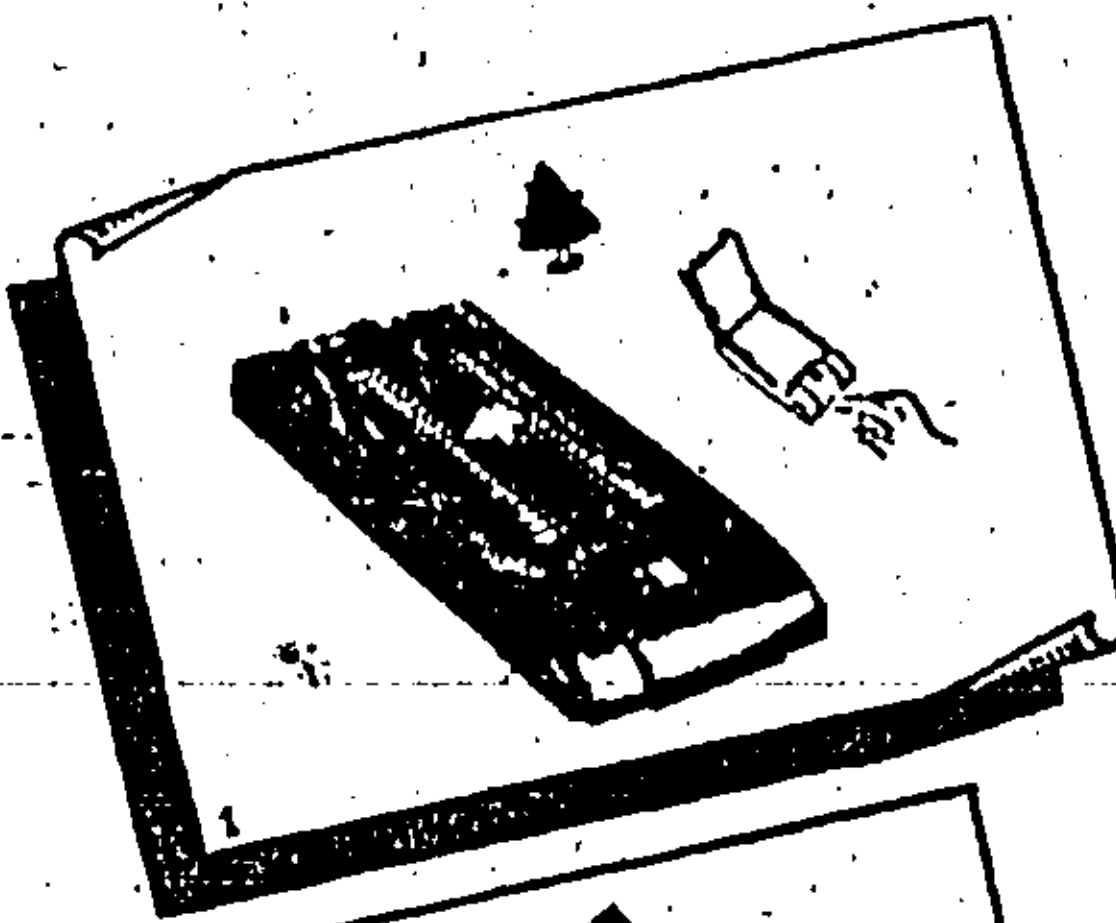
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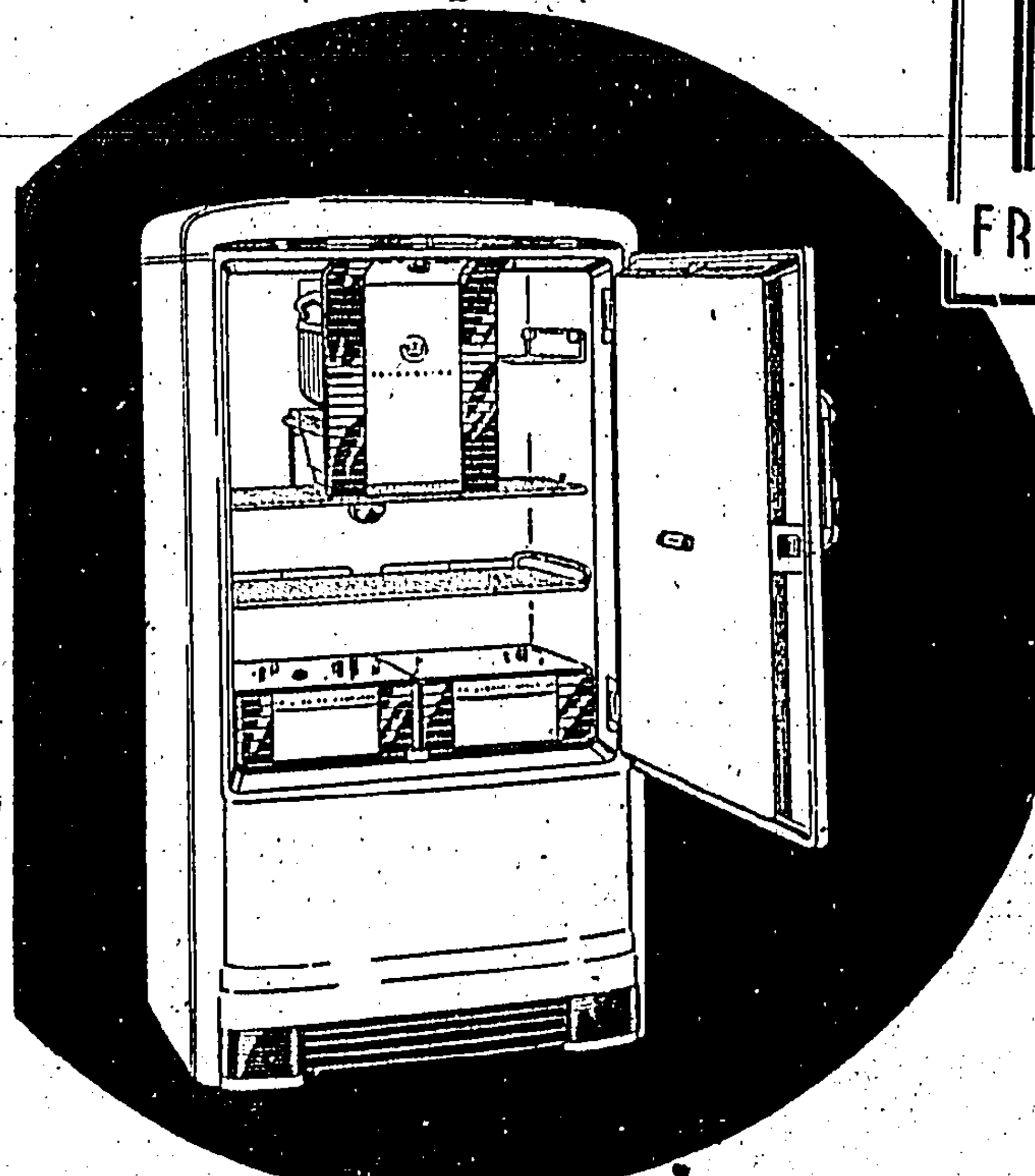
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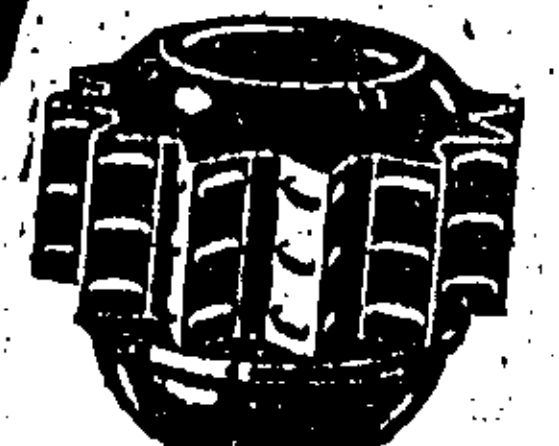
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YOUR HEALTH

BY CLAUD NORTH CHRISMAN, M.D.

SCIENTISTS DISCOVER BIOTIN, CALLED STRONGEST VITAMIN

WE knew it was coming, and soon. Another what? To be sure, a new vitamin! This time a whopper, according to the American Chemistry Association, which held its annual meeting recently. "The most potent and powerful physiological substance ever discovered," has been christened "biotin."

Some two years ago, a press notice told of how a couple of Dutch scientists had used up the astonishing number of 25,000 Chinese duck egg yolks, in the search for an elusive factor in nutrition. At this recent meeting, a number of scientists found that several of them had been working toward the same goal.

Biotin has been found in barely discernible quantities, a colourless crystal, which for some time has been a chemical mystery. It is a vitally important unit in the much-exploited vitamin B complex, a force so powerful that it is measured in the thousandth of a gram.

In Minute Quantities

It seems that, as in all human life, there is a necessary factor in nutrition which makes all nutritive elements perform as they should. Without this important unit of existence, there can be neither growth, health, nor the possibility of propagation. It is a process of fixation which is the base of all plant life, and this force or factor is the newly discovered biotin.

The peculiar fungus of ordinary yeast cannot grow without this fixation factor. Without it, chickens and rats develop the most loathsome of skin diseases.

Strange to say, like most of life's most precious elements, biotin comes in extremely small packages, usually in too minute quantities to be visible in the pure form. One gram of biotin in millions of water will be sufficient to save life.

But here is the best yet! We have often wondered why Grandmother always insisted on dopping us with sulphur and molasses in the spring. Now comes the scientist with his statement that a rich source of biotin is found in molasses. But we may get it, too, in baker's yeast, brewer's yeast, pork liver, wheat, yellow corn, beef kidney, soy beans, grass juices and milk. This list is vouched for by scientists in the laboratories of the University of Wisconsin.

Biotin, according to this most recent report, has been found in the brains, blood, liver, kidneys, hearts and leg muscles of chicks. Here's for more chicken! However, liver is declared to be richest with 2.8 millionths of a gram of biotin per gram of liver.

Vitamins In Vegetables

From this same Chemical Society's meeting came some more bits of learning which are of special interest to housewives,

and those responsible for feeding the populace. The amount of moisture retained in vegetables determines the amounts of vitamins preserved in them. A and C vitamins are destroyed in proportion to the amount of moisture lost from them.

All of our fresh green stuff, like lettuce and other greens, should be stored at refrigerator temperature of about 43 degrees, with some 88 per cent. humidity and plenty of air movement. Vitamin C content suffers most from exposure to the air, or from oxidation.

Other items, brought to the attention of the public through the reports of the Chemical Society included further experiments with the new stainless steel kitchen utensils. There is no appreciable amount of chromium or nickel dissolved in the cooking of acids of any sort, hence no danger in using them. Similar experiments have protected the reputation of aluminum vessels, with the spun type having the better alibi. The United States Bureau of Home Economics is getting help from the Chemical Association in trying to find a proofing finish that will prevent mildew, but will not harm the fabric.

First To Celebrate New Year

RESIDENTS of the Chatham Islands, peacefully isolated islands in the South Pacific, will greet 1941 earlier than any other community of the world.

Close to the international date line, the New Year starts at midnight when it is 11.45 a.m. Sunday in London and 6.45 in New York.

(The international date line generally follows the 180th Meridian, halfway around the world from the Meridian of Greenwich, England, which is zero.)

The 700 inhabitants of the islands, 460 miles east of New Zealand, celebrate the holiday with traditional festivities.

The Islands, which belong to New Zealand, have a population of 400 European and 300 Maori natives. Sheep raising and dairy farming are the main occupations.

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